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Controversy
For Follies



Craig Goddard, Sean Leahy, Arturo Jaras-Watts and Kyle Milner imitating senior girls at follies



Erik Frid
News Writer

Cheers filled the Oyster River High School auditorium Thursday, May 20th as four years of Senior Cooper Falk's life was shaved off his head. "It was painful," said Falk, "since the scissors were dull they were pulling on my hair a lot. It was also emotionally painful because losing my hair is like losing my childhood." This year's follies was overall met with a positive reaction. As Senior Dan Tauriello said, "I thought that the skits were better than last year...definitely a lot better than I expected." Fellow Senior Kyle Milner who worked on the production thought that it was average. "I don't think that it was anything better, but it wasn't anything worse." Surprisingly this year's follies could have never happened according to Senior Class Advisor Heather Healy. She said that the day before follies was the first day that people saw their lines. "I thought that this would be the year they canceled it," said Healy. "I'm always surprised by how well it comes together in the end." Skits and lines also had to be cut from the performance. The most notable cut that was made to follies that wasn't in the final performance was a slideshow of photos uploaded to the internet of freshmen girls doing "scandalous" poses. "If it was truly mean spirited we cut that," said Healy. Milner disagreed with the cut, saying, "If they put it on Facebook it's ours." Principal Laura Rogers disagreed with Milner's argument. "When you put it on Facebook," said Rogers, "you expect to see it on a computer screen not a 12 foot screen." The other skits that were cut or edited involved drug and alcohol. "There was less clever writing than I hoped," explained Healy who thought that this year's skits used less "innuendos" and were more blatant with the drug and alcohol references. She said that the school was getting a lot of pressure about follies from the outside to tone down on the drug and alcohol references, because of worries that follies makes light of them and condones that type of behavior. One example of the blatancy with drugs and alcohol was in the opening montage of a party where students were drinking Mountain Dew. In one of the scenes Senior Daniel Duvall is seen throwing up into a trash bag.

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Matthew McCarthy staring into the future

Project Graduation

Project graduations have varied in the past in success. Some people loved it while others hated it. There are good arguments for and against going. It can be a hassle to be out so late when people have graduation parties and family to entertain the next day. Also security will be tight and kids are not allowed to bring any drinks on the bus. ORHS Senior Katie Fiegenbaum agreed. "I'm not going," said Fiegenbaum. "It's from like 10 to 6 and my whole family will be here and I have to leave the next day so I wouldn't get to see them. It's not worth it to me and kind of a waste of money." ORHS Senior Jake Finacchiaro shared similar feelings saying "It doesn't sound like that much fun but I'm going to go."

As the alumni have said, most people in the grade attend project graduation no matter what the activity is. "It's a last hurrah for everyone to get together. They're funny people you don't normally talk to who you can talk to there. It's also a way to cut down on drinking and driving accidents which happens on graduation nights"

said Assistant Principal Sara Wotton. ORHS Senior Prerana Nanda added "I haven't really looked into it. If my friends go, I'll be going but I think it's cool to hang out with friends for a night." It is often seen as a time to make amends and spend time with those who you do not usually interact with. Josh Park, a Senior at ORHS commented "Of course I'm very excited but I'm also sad because even though I haven't created a strong bond with everyone I'm going to miss the atmosphere."

This year it sounds like there will be a lot to do at project graduation. The Hampshire Hills dome offers many different activities. You can play most indoor sports including but not limited to soccer, basketball, golf, batting, skating, frisbee and racquetball. For those who are non-sporty there will be a magician, dancing, games, food, a hot tub and swimming. There will also be a few surprises for the seniors who choose to attend. In addition to that an iPod touch will be raffled off.

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Quote of the Issue:

"Tommy and I sleep in the same bed all the time... We wear boxers!"
- Big Steve

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Alex Buck
News writer

“School’s out for summer, school’s out for ever,” once said Alice Cooper, a famous hard rock singer. These will be the thoughts flowing through the minds of all seniors after they graduate. They will disperse into their own parts of the world some will

go to college, some will travel, some will work, and some will just continue on their lives in the way they feel fit. Whatever the case might be all the seniors at Oyster River High School will find their own destination after their high school careers are over. However everyone’s dreams must eventually face real world realities such as payment for their ventures.

The hard economic times that have burdened most people around the world have also affected people’s decision on colleges. Attending a university like Harvard or Northeastern that costs upwards of 50, 000 per year has become a mere fantasy to many students because of their financial issues. So when money is tight where do people begin looking at? Their own state universities and for the Oyster River Community the University of New Hampshire is that institution. The University of New Hampshire every year has always attracted many Oyster River students to its campus; however these past couple of years it seems like another explanation for increased number of Oyster River High School students applying to UNH. In 2007 27 Oyster River students enrolled at UNH and for the past two years over 30 students have enrolled at UNH.

Samantha Ackerman	UNH
Hannah Allen	UNH
Mallory Ament	University of Findlay
Sarah Bakmen	Gap year
Emily Balch	UNH
Cebastian Barrett	Marine Corp
Kelsie Belanger	Brigham Young University
Kaitlyn Bir	Working
Patrick Blake	Great Bay
Mathew Blom	Johnson state College
Konrad Bornkessel	Working
Gabby Broduer	Plymouth
Jacob Brown	Belmont
Alex Buck	UVM
Erik Burns	Sierra Nevada College
Emilie Busque	Canada
Devin Cahill	Paris Island, South Carolina
Ryder Carbone	Armed Forces
Sarah Carey	Lehigh
Michael Casterton	Lakes Region Community Colege
Casey Chalmers	UNH
Gabby Chesney	Purdue University
Rachel Chiodo	Pratt University



Tori Clapper	Working
Connor Clark	Ithaca College
Emma Congalton	UNH
Elise Contas	UVM
Allen Coq	New Orleans
Lauren couse	Plymouth State Univ.
Ieshsa Crotty	Plymouth State Univ.
Jamie Cummings	Plymouth State Univ.
Alex Curtis	CHizzillin
Connor D.Amours	UNH
Maggie Dana	UNH
Laura Dow	AVEDA Institute of St. Petersburg
Nate Drogseth	Hamilton College
Kylee Drugan-Eppich	Smith College
Will Dube	Cap Year
Ashley Dupont	UNH
Dan Duvall	UMaine
Hannah Eiseman	UVM
Cooper Falk	Working
Gordon Fenn	Oregon state University
Katey Fiengenbaum	American University
Jake Finacchiaro	Great Bay College

Senior Destinations

Michelle Foster	Colby-Sawyer College
Agnes Fotino	Playing Hockey
Sean Frazier	Plymouth State Univ.
Erik Frid	Ithaca College
Jordon Frye	Thompson School
Kevin Fwu	Rutgers
Teanna gavett	Working
Sonia Ginsburg	Tulane
Logan Glista	Catholic University
Craig Goddard	Southern New Hampshire University
Greg Godfrey	Nashua Community College
Michael Graham	Keene State College
Maia Griswold	Colorado State University
Mathew Hails	Univrsity of Colorado at Boulder
Emma Hall	Smith College
Victoria Hanson	UNH
Didi Harris	UNH
Allie Hobbs	Northeastern University
Michelle Hobbs	Wentworth in Boston
Michael Hoy	Gordon College
Lorraine Hu	New York University
Chandler Hull	UNH
Kellee Jackson	UVM
Arturo Jaras	Fairfield University
Alyssa Johnson	UNH
Marisa Kang	An organic Farm on the Big Island of Hawaii
Donovan Kelley	Salve Regina University
John Kerrigan	UNH
Karle Kolby	Working



Zak Kondratenko	DePaul University
Brendan Kotlius	Into the wild
Mary Lamont	Drew University
Taylor Lannamann	Louis and Clack College
Emily Latham	UNH
Nick Lathrop	Armed Forces
Sean Leahy	UNH
Mackenzie Leander	University of Kanasas
Scott Leslie	NHTI
Anna Lesniak	Working
Zach Lewis	St. Josephs Colelge
Sam Long	Rochester Institute of Technology
Hannah Lonstein	UNH
Katja Luxem	Cal Tech
Liz Madden	St. Lawrence University
Aurore Mandl-Abramson	UVM



Michelle Mason	Rochester Institute of Technology
Matt McCarthy	UNH
Ritchy McCarville	New Hampshire Institute in Laconia
Tommy McDonnell	Post-grad year at Bridgton Academy
Leslie Ann McGowan	UNH
Alex Meissner	UVM
Mitch Mennelle	Air Force
Carol Messler	Plymouth State Univ.
Chelsea Michaud	Russell Sage College
Cody Mills	Plymouth State
Kyle Milner	Brooklyn College
Ivy Moody	Bryn Mawr College
Molly Moynihan	Northeastern University
Scott Mulligan	UNH
Jack Nadeau	Gap year/working. Staying around town
Prerana Nanda	Wellesley College
Conrad Nawocki	UNH
Noah Nelsen	Savannah College of Art and Design
John O'Brien	Plymouth
Jake O'Leary	Sierra Nevada College
Daniel Olken	Syracuse
Caitlin Olson	University of Nebraska
Ricky Owuor	South Carolina State University
Josh Park	Rollins College
Paraj Patel	Northeastern University
Kara Pavlidis	Keene State College
Josh Perkins	Manchester Community College
Spencer Petig	Working
Margot Popecki	UNH
Corey Pratt	California Institue of the Arts
Manu Putcha	UNH
Ryan Randall	Year off to play hockey
Anna Reed	Road Tripping
Emily Reny	UNH
Sam Rice	Gap Year
Megan Rochford	Virginia Tech
Ben Rogers	UNH
Devan Roehrig	New Hampton School
Steven Rohde	Plymouth State
Ashlee Rollins	Great Bay
Daniela Rossi	Lehig University
Steven Rubinstein	UNH
Robert Sack	Syracuse
Rebecca Sasso	UNH
Derrick Scanlon	Great Bay
Kai Schidlovsky	Ithaca College
Bekah Schuman	Montana state
Emily Sherry	Hamilton College



Timmy Short	Ithaca
Kristen Silverman	Southern New Hampshire University
Emma Smith	UNH
Molly Snelling	Hartwick College
Alexandra Sosnowski	Suffolk University
Micheal Stacy	Marine Corp
Jack Starbranch	UNH
John Swenson	Apprenticing at portsmouth naval shipyard
Dan Tauriello	UNH
Alexe Taylor	NYU
Chirs Tucker	National Guard
Sara Usher	Quinnipiac University
Katherine Vaughn	UNH
Graham Wakefield	Touring with Production Recourses group
Alex Walnicki	New England institute of Technology
Olivia Warren	Keene State College
Zach Wasserman	University of Buffalo
Mathew Webber	USMA
Jamie Wilkison	UNH
Kyle Williamson	University of Kentucky
Isaiah Winterbottom	Marine Corp at Paris Island
Devin Wolfe	UTI
Doug Zarembo	Thompson School



Open Campus Update

The development of open campus is reaching its final stages. The administration has to work out a system to regulate open campus, then an attorney will look over it, lastly the superintendent must sign it. “The superintendent is very open minded to it,” said Oyster River High School Principal Laura Rogers. This was following the faculty's vote on the matter. Everyone was in favor for open campus except for the two gym teachers John Morin and Imon Powell. Morin said that the physical education teachers are the only ones who see every student and that he’s seen things that would be concerns to safety. At his last school, which had open campus, Morin said that students would sneak out and get in car crashes. He also believed that instead of rewarding kids for getting good grades with open campus they should not require kids to take midterms or finals. As for the NECAP test Morin said, “I don’t think kids need an external motivation to represent their school well.”

According to Principal Rogers open campus will put a lot more pressure on the administration. Rogers questioned whether or not after all of this work, would it even be worth it when considering the behavior of this year’s junior class. “We’re looking at the behavior of the junior class right now,” said Rogers, “and wondering if it will really work out.” Nonetheless, according to Rogers, next year will be an experiment.

Will it be worth it? We’ll see. Sven Wiberg doesn’t think that having open campus will change much. He said, “I might go downtown and get something to eat.”



Controversy For Follies (Continued)



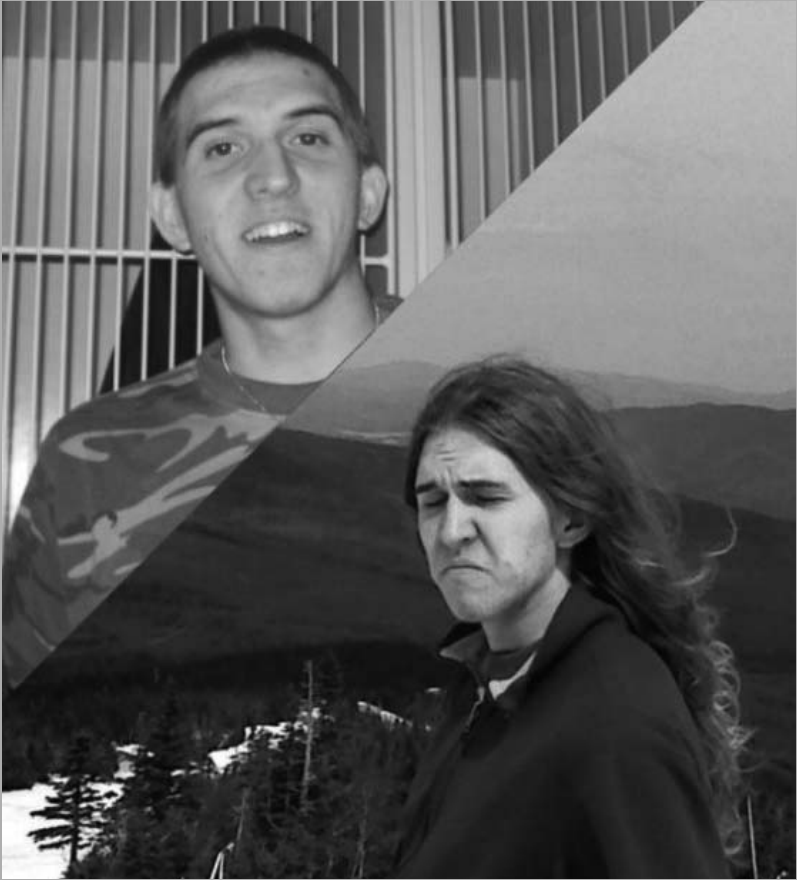
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News Writer

Rogers said that this was supposed to be cut from the final product. Nonetheless it drew a roar of laughter from the crowd including Duvall’s mother. “My mom thought it was funny,” said Duvall.

Another thing that was supposed to be cut, but wasn’t, was when Senior Ryan Randall, playing gym teacher John Morin, held up a picture that he drew of a top heavy woman. Rogers didn’t approve of the sexual stereotype displayed by Randall.

Despite these “issues” overall Rogers liked the performance. “I thought the end result was good,” she said.

Healy thinks that follies should be earlier, because of the bonding that occurs during the creation process. “Every time it happens you can feel the class getting closer,” said Healy. “It would be nice if it was earlier so we can ride that longer.”



A before and after of Senior Cooper Falk’s hair. Whose shaving was one of the many spectacles during this years Senior Follies.

Project Graduation (Continued)



Sara Usher
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2010: Will be held at the Hampshire Hills.

“This year’s venue is Hampshire Hills in Milford, NH. Graduates should arrive at ORHS by 10:00 pm for transportation by bus on Friday evening, June 18th. It is important to note that ONLY those students transported by bus will be permitted into Hampshire Hills. Anyone arriving by any other means will not be allowed admittance. Hampshire Hills has so much to offer, we are able to keep the venue to one location this year. Upon arrival, the students will have the opportunity to spend up to two hours in “The Dome” which has been called the best indoor sports complex in New England. Within the Dome, there is an Olympic quality track, batting cages, golf driving range, banked roller way for skateboard/in-line skating, state of the art turf fields for indoor ball playing, Frisbee etc”- Project Graduation committee.

“This is a DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE evening. For everyone’s safety, all personal belongings will be checked prior to boarding the buses. Police will be notified if students are suspected of being under the influence or in possession of drugs/alcohol”



Past Project Graduations



2009: Went on a midnight cruise around Portland harbor. On the cruise there was a cartoonist, food, and a magician.

Reviews:

Sarah Anderson:

We went on a midnight cruise and there was some food, a cartoonist, a magician and stuff. I had fun, it was kind of boring at times but the magician was sawweeet! I would recommend it but mostly because it’s the last time you’ll ever see some of these kids and the last time in a LONG time you’ll most of them.

Ramzi BenSaid:

We went on a cruise around Portland harbor. I’d say almost all of our class was there I had fun with it. A lot of the stuff was corny, but for one night it’s worth it...it really might be the last time you’re going to hang out with some people. I would recommend it. Its one night and if you go and hate it, too bad. But if you don’t there’s no next time to change your mind.

2008: Went to a comedy show in Exeter. Breakfast was held at the Brown center.

Review:

Cara Sherry:



It was fun, very tiring though. It was a nice thing to have everyone together one last time.

There’s always time for other things after, it’s really only a few hours. I was very cranky the next day however, and the breakfast was kind of stupid because we were all too tired.

2007: Went to the Whittemore center. There were arts, crafts, sports, and bands. Also they went to Odiorne State Park.

Review:

Matt Moynihan:

It was a little fun, but not amazing. Clearly the motive behind it is so that kids don’t go out and get in trouble or hurt themselves partying, which is legit. However, most people I talked to thought it was a drag. Odiorne point was cold and raining and by 4-5am people really just wanted to sleep. Some of the activities were fun, but a lot of 14 year olds could have had more fun there than the 17-18 year olds who had to attend.

2006: Went to Medieval Manor in Boston for a show and dinner. After that they went to Dover Bowl and from there returned to the high school for breakfast while watching a slideshow.

Review:

Phil Trombley:

I had fun, we were all exhausted by the morning. I would definitely recommend attending because it’s the last night that you can spend with everyone in your class. I honestly don’t know if I have seen a lot of people since that night. It’s not a bad thing to spend one night without drinking and have a good time. Ha-ha.

ORHS Technical Students Recognized for Acheivement

On Thursday May 6th students from local career technical centers were recognized for their academic achievement. Among the students who were inducted into the NTHS, ORHS seniors Devon Wolfe (Right), Josh Perkins (Center) and Pat Blake (Unable to attend) received their cords for their second year in the NTHS, while participating in the Somersworth Auto Technology program.

ORHS Junior Ben Rosenthal (Left) was the only new inductee from Oyster River. Rosenthal has just completed his first year in the Animal Science program at the Dover Career Tech Center. Among the prerequisites for membership in the NTHS, students must maintain a minimum overall high school GPA of 3.0.



ORHS Students Honored at the National Technical Honor Society Induction

S.O.S.
Protest Saves Dover’s Pools



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With Jack Lewis
and Emma Rotner

Instead of her usual routine of 22 practice hours a week, ORHS Sophomore and Seacoast Swimming Association team member Emma Rotner was looking at a summer without swimming.

As a part of budget cuts in Dover, indoor and outdoor pools were on the chopping block. Although Mayor Dean Myers didn’t want to see the pools close, with such significant budget cuts already, he believed the decision was inevitable. “The pools are an important part of what makes Dover a wonderful community,” explained Myers. “But you have to balance the needs of public safety, education and street and building maintenance with the wants of recreation.”

Oyster River High School and Seacoast Diver, Jack Lewis has a strong opinion on the matter. “Diving is basically my whole life,” explained Lewis. “I put in hours and hours of effort to do my best.” Lewis believes that the cuts to pools around the area could have a negative affect on not only the teams, but also students hoping to get a scholarship based on their talents. “I wouldn’t have as much practice time if the pools weren’t available. You need to practice as much as you can to get your best scores, and if you don’t do as well in competition it could affect scholarships. Diving is basically my ticket to college.”

Along with Myers, Deputy Mayor Dean Trefethen voted on the matter on June 2. As far as Trefethen is concerned, keeping the pools in operation would be impossible given the circumstances thus far. “Cutting the pools and the other proposed budget cuts are necessary if the Council decides to stay within the parameters of the tax cap,” said Trefethen. The tax cap that Trefethen is referring to is an order to keep the Dover city taxes the same, a 0% increase. This ultimately led to \$2 million needing to be cut from the budget.



Protestors young and old showed up May 26th to help keep the pools open



Olympic Gold Swimmer Jenny Thompson seen protesting with Seacoast Swimming Coach Ray Grant.

“The total cost to operate both pools is about \$568,000 [per year]” said Trefethen. “With approximately \$204,000 in revenues, it means the property taxpayers have to subsidize their operation by about \$364,000 a year.”
Dover City Councilor Jan Nedelka didn’t foresee the pools staying open much longer without an initiative for funding from someplace other than the city of Dover. “Speaking only for myself - there are no other possible cuts

for \$380,000,” explained Nedelka. According to Nedelka, there’s not really any other place the money could come from. In the same proposed budget, Dover is looking at closing one of three fire stations, eliminating three sworn police officers, cutting library hours by another seven or eight hours a week, and reducing street repairs by one third. “I would love to see the pools stay in operation - but when put in the same pot as emergency services, they become a want, not a need.”

With so much support to keep the pools open, a group was quickly created to brainstorm possible solutions. The “Save Our Swimming” (or S.O.S.) group was established with the simple goal of keeping the Dover pools open as long as possible. The Facebook group, created by Fran Morse Farmer quickly grew to almost 1,000 strong in support of keeping the pools open. Farmer provided the Council with a list of the names of every person who joined the group, a job she thinks may keep the pools open. The group is now focused on finding ways to reduce the tax burden on Dover residents.

The council eventually decided to turn over the tax cap and keep the indoor pool open for use and the outdoor pool open until at least Labor Day 2010.

ORHS Swim Team Coach, Bill Reeves, took the the threatened pool closures personally, and saw it as having a significant impact on the OR Swim Team. “They could potentially lose a coach.” Reeves, who has been coaching the ORHS swim team for years, states that he “very likely” would have resigned his position had the pools closed.

St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Brandon Stong agrees that the closures showed no benefits. If the pools were to close, the STA swim team would have nowhere to practice, an obstacle that Strong believes could potentially have ended the swim team. “If we couldn’t have a swim team next year there would be a lot of disappointed people,” said Strong.

ORHS Sophomore Katie Burzon couldn’t agree more. “It’s bad for all swim teams in the area,” explained Burzon.”The UNH pool isn’t open in the summer, the only usable pool is the Durham outdoor pool.” Area teams would have had to travel as far as Harvard and would be forced to pay significant money for practice time had the pools closed.

According to Reeves, swimming and diving mean a lot to the area and closing the pools could have had a butterfly effect on many other things which may not be considered. “By eliminating the pool, you’re eliminating the opportunities of a lot of the area” said Reeves “Not just Dover, but a lot of the other area communities, as well.”

The Jenny Thompson pools in Dover were named in recognition of Thompson’s achievements in the Olympics. Thompson, a former Dover resident, competed in swimming events several times from 1992-2004, earning 12 medals. Thompson

showed up on May 26th along with many other protestors to march to city hall in order to show support for the pools. Marching with such a large crowd brought tears to her eyes. “This town gave me the opportunity to follow my dreams and go to the Olympics,” said Thompson. “All of the children on Seacoast have a dream and a goal just as I did.”



Alex Buck
News writer

Senior Shenanigans

As the party ends spirits could not be higher, it suddenly all comes to a halt. One thinks to himself, “You’re more of a buzz kill than Buzzkillington.” Without a warning the neighbors show up and break up the party and the host is left with a warning and a slap on the wrist. Being a senior one has certain privileges, a “get out of jail free card” of sorts; being allowed to get away with certain illicit actions. Where is the line crossed though? Causing shenanigans as a senior is all part of the plan but when are shenanigans taken too far?

For seniors at Oyster River High School the angst of graduation continues to build up as the 18th of June grows closer. And as the anguish increases so does the machismo of senior’s actions. At a certain point during the year senioritis begins to infect the majority of the graduating class and seniors find themselves doing things that they never thought they would do. So what’s the craziest thing that you’ve done so far this year, seniors?

“In February we went to an abandoned nursing home in Kittery Maine, It was pretty scary. We almost got caught in a no trespassing zone.”
-Manu Putcha.

“We used to hogtie the freshmen on the track team with duck tape and hide them behind the high jump mats.”
-Nick Richardi.

“We would cut school and go to the lake.”
-Laura Rogers

“This one time I met this girl at a dance and the next day I wasn’t able to find her and all I knew was her name and the school she went to. So me and my friend cut school and pretended to be students from Jamaica high school to find this girl. I accidently dropped something that ID me as a student from my school and we were sent to the dean’s office of Jamaica high school. He called our dean and we got suspended.”
-Lou Mroz.



Seniors ghost riding out of senior lot.

It may appear that all seniors are getting away with their shenanigans, but underclassmen be warned, don’t try these at home - not all stories have a happy ending. For some seniors the craziest thing they have done has been getting busted by school officials or local law enforcement. Senior Ricky Owour describes his craziest experience during his senior year as “getting busted with a bunch of Russian exchange students.” So where is the line drawn? “Anything that endangers students or hurts someone’s feelings,” says Laura Rogers, Principal of Oyster River High School. “Or the intentional destruction of property,” she continued. Breaking the law and harassing students goes without saying as the wrong thing to do and no one is permitted to do either. However it’s the small things that seniors don’t have to sweat about, things that and underclassmen might get called out on. Whether it be juggling a soccer ball indoors, yelling down a classroom, or saying something in a vulgar tongue. “Teachers and administrators are more tolerant of seniors during this time of the year,” said Laura Rogers. But, there are limits to that tolerance.

Does Oyster River Need A Teen Center?



Erik Frid
News Writer

It’s 3:00 on a Thursday afternoon. The students from Oyster River High School and Middle School in Durham, New Hampshire have just gotten out of school and in anticipation for the approaching weekend decide to spend the afternoon with their friends. Oyster River High School Freshman Zander Hobbs explained what most kids his age do after school. “Me and my friends skate and cruise around town. Some kids walk downtown and go to [the Durham House of Pizza].”

As of now there isn’t a constructive and safe place for the students of Durham, New Hampshire to go in their free time unless they want to stay at school. The Middle School for example runs a program called “Hour Time,” that goes an hour after school ends for students whose parents work. But for students who don’t have driver’s licenses, that don’t play sports, and don’t want to spend extra time at school their options for afterschool activities can be very limited.



As of now students without licenses don’t have much to do afterschool. “Me and my friends skate and cruise around town,” said Freshman Zander Hobbas. “Some kids walk downtown and go to [the Durham House of Pizza].”

The Oyster River Teen Initiative (ORTI), a group to help improve the experience of the future youth of the area, wants to change that by building a teen center named in memory of the deceased Oyster River alumni Josh and Nate Hardy. According to ORTI Chairwoman Mary Westfall, the teen center would be a place for students to hang out. Facilities would include a sound studio to play and record music, an art studio where kids could take classes and create artwork, computer classes, a skate park and basketball hoops. The center would also hold bonfires, dances, and movie showings.

Westfall and the ORTI looked at other teen centers in the area. One of the main aspects the ORTI noticed that determined whether they were used or not was their proximity to the high school. The planned location for Durham teen center would be very close to the high school and middle school between Coe Drive and Route 108 next to Route 4. Despite its location would the students of Oyster River really use it?

According to Oyster River Senior Rachel Chiodo, no. “It’s a waste of money and a waste of space.” Chiodo says that this disinterest is part of the culture of the teen community and that more attention and money should be focused on the school districts budget problems. She only thought that it would be successful under certain circumstances. “The right type of people would have to go, then it would be the place to be.”

Fellow Senior Scotty Mulligan agrees. “If a lot of people did it I’d do it.” He also added that he didn’t think that spending so much time on a teen center would be worth it. “I don’t think that enough people would use it for it to be worth it.”

On the other hand Junior Cassie Broughton thought that the teen center was a good idea. “I think it’s a good way to keep people doing positive things,” said Broughton. “If they had scheduled events and things going on I think [people would go].”

Freshman Giles Huddleston believed that whether or not people would use the teen center has to do with what is there. “There would be a

market for people depending on what they had there,” said Huddleston.

According to Senior Robert Sack the key to the teen center’s success depends on the amount of supervision. “It could be really good or a total disaster,” explained Sack. “It all depends on how much leeway they give us.” Sack said that kids using the teen center should have freedom to be less supervised, and not have an adult in every corner. Westfall agreed that she wants to avoid this and instead of having parents work at the teen center she wants a dynamic staff composed possibly of UNH students.

While current high school and even middle school students may never see the teen center they will leave their fingerprint on it. “We want to keep students involved with the design,” said Westfall, “create a place that students think is theirs.”

Westfall estimated that the teen center project would cost over a million dollars. So far the ORTI has received \$5,000 from last year’s Bobcat Bolt road race and Oyster River Fest at the high school and \$1,800 from the Senior Class of 2009. This year’s Bobcat Bolt and Oyster River Fest will take place on May, 15th and will again benefit the ORTI in building the teen center. As of now the ORTI is working towards answering Westfall’s question, “If you get out of a dance at 10 at night, where do you go?”



“It’s a waste of money and a waste of space,” said Senior Rachel Chiodo. “The right type of people would have to go, then it would be the place to be.”

I Pledge Allegiance To ...What Flag?



Ben Belanger
News Writer

raised [the Pledge] as an issue.”

School Librarian Wally Keniston seems to have a pretty good explanation

for this. “There’s a good reason not to say [the Pledge] in this library,” explains Keniston. “There’s no US flag.” In fact, most classrooms in OR don’t have a flag. There is currently a flag in the gymnasium, outside the school and in classrooms where the teacher hung a flag on their own.

Social Studies Teacher Matt Pappas is one of the teachers who has hung his own flag. Pappas’s 4” x 6” American flag is less than impressive, but it gets the job done.

Troy, along with several other members of the faculty at ORHS find a problem with the amount of patriotism displayed at the school. “I don’t understand what’s going on with patriotism today,” said Troy. “I find it disheartening.” Troy, who teaches the meaning of citizenship to Boy Scouts, has said the Pledge of Allegiance with his A-period class every day since he began working at the school 14 years ago. “If a student doesn’t want to say [the Pledge], I don’t require it,” said Troy. “But I do expect all of my students to show respect and stand.”

Although Guidance Counselor Dave Hawley isn’t 100% sure about reciting the Pledge every morning, he feels very strongly about the flags. “I do think the district should place a flag in every classroom. That, more than anything is disrespectful,” said Hawley. “Even if we did make time for the Pledge, there’s no flag to pledge to.”

“I have an American Flag in every room of my house.”

ORHS Teacher Mike Troy is patriotic. Very patriotic.

Since Principal Laura Rogers has been working at Oyster River High School, she has never heard the Pledge of Allegiance read over the announcements. Needless to say, Troy has a problem with this. “I’ve been here four years,” says Rogers. “Nobody has ever

Physical Education Teacher John Morin agrees with Hawley. “I have a lot of respect for those who have fought for our freedom,” says Morin, whose grandfather fought for our country. “I think the flag is a representation of them. If the Pledge was an option, I would gladly do that. I’d sing the National Anthem if other people would sing it with me.” Although Morin seems to have a lot of American Pride, he raises the point that not everyone in the school is from America, or has the same opinion as him. “It’s hard because we try to be so accepting of everyone’s culture [at ORHS]. I think that’s important,

but that’s our flag and that’s our pledge. I think those who aren’t OK with that should be respectful of that.

I wouldn’t say their pledge, but I wouldn’t take offense that they do.”

Math Teacher Dave Nichols doesn’t see a problem with occasionally reciting the pledge, but thinks every day may become tedious. “It starts to seem like we’re a cult when we say it every day,” said Nichols.

For some students, there are certain parts of the Pledge that are against their beliefs, making them feel pretty strongly against reciting it. The line “one Nation under God” wasn’t always a part of the Pledge, but it is considered one of the most offensive. Sophomore Uli Luxem, who is a citizen of Germany and not the US, believes that the Pledge should not be a part of the daily activities at ORHS. “I’d be opposed to it,” said Luxem. “It’s just a waste of time. It’s ultra-religious and it doesn’t matter.”

Troy has quite the opposite

opinion. “In America, you have the right to be opposed,” said Troy. “Showing pride in one’s country is not a waste of time, period. It’s about having the freedom to practice whatever belief you want. Our country would be stronger if more people believed in it.” As far as Luxem is concerned, Troy believes that he should be ashamed of himself. “He’s a guest here. I would never go to his country and be disrespectful to his flag.”

Sophomore Griffin Smith doesn’t see a problem with the “under God” line in the Pledge. “I’m not religious,” explained Smith. “I don’t believe in God, but I don’t think that one word should make you not say the Pledge of Allegiance.”

ORHS Resource Officer Sgt. Ed Levesque has an interesting perspective as a veteran. “I was Military Police in the army,” said Levesque. “Everyone in this country is benefited by people in the military. [The Pledge] is something that should be available.” Although Levesque is a supporter of the Pledge and displaying the American flag, he thinks about the big picture rather than the small details. “Patriotism is what’s in a person’s heart, not a flag hanging in a room.”



Sophomore Mike Crotty looking puzzled at the size of Mr. Pappas’s flag



The ORHS athletic field flag is one of only a few displayed at the school

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Worst Summer Jobs



Everyone knows the Durham Marketplace, and although everyone and their grandmother seems to work there... that doesn't mean its fun.

There is one thing that is always on teenager's minds – money. We love it, we want it, and we'll do anything for it. Once we turn 16, we dive right into the job market pool, and summertime is the perfect time of year to get some cold hard cash. Money may seem sweet, but we may not know what we're diving into when we apply for that dream job. Many Oyster River students have taken on jobs that on face level seem easy as pie- but at closer inspection are hidden nightmares.

Nothing is more rewarding than a hard day's work; and don't get me wrong – working is a great way to mature yourself. You won't have to ask your parents for 20 bucks to go to the movies. But with first jobs and summer jobs, sometimes they aren't what you expect. Senior Emilie Busque worked over the summer at Water Country, the well-known water park in Portsmouth. "I applied there because I needed a job," she says. "I guess that in your mind you think, 'Oh this is cool, I get to work at this great place', but after the first two weeks you get tired of it real fast." Busque learned real quick that the job wasn't all about relaxing by the pool. "For one, I was a lifeguard and you have to stand on your feet for 10 hours or more, and you didn't get many breaks during your shift." Lifeguards in general never seem to get an easy pass. Senior

Mallory Ament worked all summer at the Dover Outdoor Pool as a lifeguard. "I took the job because it paid good money, but it really sucked."

Another job that many students find themselves working, but hating, is grocery stores. Whether you're a bagger, a

night is the worst. If nobody comes into the store to mess up the card racks or the 'Vera' shelves, there's nothing to straighten and nothing to sell. Then you move onto re-stocking shelves. That takes about an hour, hour and a half. After that there's a limited amount of space you can dust before you've run out of things to do. And because the manager has this fancy new camera system, you better look busy or you get busted. We eventually resort to walking in circles and finding things that weren't made in China."

So even though the prospect of a summer job sounds appealing, keep in mind what you're getting into. Jobs are what you make of them, and sometimes people have good experiences with the jobs mentioned; it's all about how you take situations. Jobs are commitments and sometimes the jobs that seem easy can suck the most, or the other way around. If it helps at all, just remember that there are many other high school students suffering at their jobs- you're not alone!

When you think of summer, you automatically think of delicious ice-cream. Eating it is one thing- working at one of the establishments is another. One of the most popular summer jobs is working at the local ice-cream parlors such as Kalidescoop, Golicks, and Cold Stone Creamery. Senior Caitlin Olsen has been working at Cold Stone Creamery for a while now, "It's pretty fun at first and you eat a lot of ice cream, but you get really sick of it; I've gotten ice cream intolerant," Olsen says.

One last summer sanctuary is the mall; it's air conditioned, there's loads of shopping, and there are depressed students working long hours. Senior Victoria Hanson knows a thing or two about the false promises of a mall job. "I applied at Hallmark because I was a sophomore looking for a job. I had looked around at other places, but a lot of places just weren't looking for workers or didn't want to hire a 16 year old. I was lucky that my Dad knows a lot of people. He's friends with the manager's family and she agreed to hire me; a quick and easy hire." During the busy holidays the mall can get quite busy, but sometimes the work can be completely boring. "To be quite frank, standing around for seven hours in a card shop is just mind numbing...especially in today's economy. A week



Hallmark, the notorious card company seems like a calm, easy place to work... be warned. Looks can be deceiving.

stocker, or a cart runner – it sucks. Sophomore Harry Slepian works at the Durham Market Place, mostly for convenience. "I applied to work at the [Durham Market Place] because it's really close to my house. I can walk down in 20 minutes, so because I don't really have any other way of getting anywhere, I figured it made sense," says Slepian. Although it is a source of income, it is relatively straight-forward, "I think being a cashier is being a cashier, it's not known to be particularly stimulating work." Slepian although does enjoy working with his co-workers. "Maybe it's because nearly everyone there is in either high-school or college, so we're all around the same age. Also scheduling is really flexible." The other popular grocery job is Market Basket. Senior Daniel Olken used to work there, and he was upset with the strict dress codes. "The clean shaven rule sucks, so does the shirt and tie."



In the center of Lee lies this gem of a job - Market Basket. Whether you are chasing carts in sub-zero weather or stocking shelves for 9 hours, you better be prepared.

Check This Out! It's a 12 X 9 Foot Blanket!

Some of you may know or have seen Mr. Paradis running around school but what you don't see is what he chooses to do with his free time; it is truly amazing. Paradis has spent the last year working on crocheting two 6 X 9 foot blankets that serve as a memorial for his two friends who have passed away. This creation is filled with many different pictures and symbols representing his two friends Pro and Jeremiah Johnson.

Mr. Paradis is on a Frisbee team that travels to Hawaii multiple times a year. The name "Hana Hou" is crocheted into this masterpiece representing this Frisbee team. He also crocheted The Hawaiian Islands with a rainbow and the word "Aloha" into the design.

Paradis made this as a gift for his team in Hawaii to honor his two friends. This is a great use of time and it will be truly appreciated.



Do you know Mr. Paradis' first name? Can you find it in the picture above?





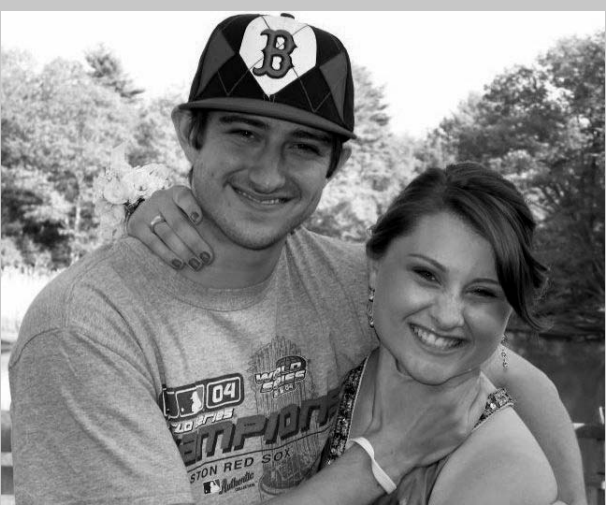
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Bring Earplugs, Get Involved and Don’t Go To Frats:
College Advice From Former Oyster River Students

Your parents dropped you off, your room is set up and whether you decided to go to UNH or a college in California, this is the first time you’re really on your own! At first you’re living on cloud nine; you don’t know what to expect, you’re excited about meeting new people and everything seems great! Then the excitement starts to fade and the nerves kick in. Suddenly the unexpected doesn’t seem so exciting and even though you’re happy to finally be at college you don’t know what to do! To help ease those nerves I’ve asked Oyster River Alumni to give us some “college advice”; things that people should know before going in to college. Here’s what they had to say:

Evan Lonstein (Currently at UNH; ORHS Class of ‘07):

- Don’t get into cliques really early. You want to spread yourself out amongst a lot of new friends if you can. Other people who don’t have good social skills will cling on to you really bad and if you realize a few weeks down the line that you don’t really like them, it can be a bad breakup; seen it happen multiple times.
- Don’t be really stupid with drinking in the first 3-4 weeks. I don’t know for sure, but I bet that over 70% of all arrests during the year happen in those weeks. So they are looking for all the idiots. Don’t be dumb.
- Don’t go to frats. I don’t like them. Especially with freshmen girls, they only think about one thing. Guys want to surround themselves with as many girls as possible and hopefully by the end of the night, one of them will be messed up enough to hook up with them. You don’t want to be her.
- Go to class. If you do the math, each class is about \$50. It’s a lot of money and even if you think it’s really easy, don’t be lazy and get into bad habits. Later on in your schooling you will need to do a lot.
- Take classes that you are interested in early and you want to pick a major as early as possible. Some majors require at least three years of their own classes so if you don’t decide in time, you’ll be there for a while. Get into something quick and if you end up not liking it at the very least, you’ll find out what you don’t want to do.
- Get used to the food. You are going to be eating it for four years so don’t complain, just get used to it.
- Do all your work. You have a lot of time to do it so plan your days out for when you are going to get things done. The library is a good place, almost everyone uses it.



Tommy Lynch (Currently at Saint Anselm’s; ORHS Class of ‘09):

- It’s really important that you learn to manage your time and make sure you get all your work done while still doing everything you want to do.
- In high school I never really did my homework assignments as often as I should have but it’s really hard to get away with that without really screwing yourself in the long run.
- I’d also make sure to get a job this summer because I spend a lot of money...

Devyn Kirby (Currently at UVM; ORHS Class of ‘09):

- I would advise against hooking up with people that live on your floor... Things can get really awkward really fast.
- Bring plenty of extension cables.
- Earplugs come in really handy when you have loud neighbors or just want to take a nap during the day.
- I would really suggest being friendly towards everyone you see frequently. That especially means the people you live with. The last thing you want is to have to avoid someone who lives two doors down from you.
- I know this sounds kind of brown noser, but try to be friends with your RA because if something happens, you want them on your side.



Hannah Poff (Currently at UNH; ORHS Class of ‘08):

- Realize that time management is very important! There are so many things you can do outside of class that you can easily get distracted from school work and studying. Related to that I would say to get involved with things right away!
- Intramural sports, clubs, Greek life, or even just making friends with people inside and outside of your classes.
- All those things will make your college experience so much better and you’ll get so much more out of it!



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Graham Phelps (Currently at UVM; ORHS Class of ‘09):

- My one piece of advice would be to bring a bike, it makes getting around so much faster. I can leave for a class 15 minutes later than someone who walks, so it saves a lot of time. And because it is so much easier to bike places you will leave your dorm more and meet more people.



So there it is college advice from former Oyster River students that are currently in college. When going into college remember some of the advice that has just been given to you. If you’re a few years away from college this might be the article you want to put aside and look back on for future reference. I wish everyone all the best in college and remember: manger your time, don’t go to frats, don’t hook up with people on your floor, make money during the summer to spend, bring a bike and HAVE FUN!





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24 Things in 24 Hours



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Being Blind



Backyard Games



Dancing



Being Boys

Twenty four hours seem to fly by when you have class, sports, and other activities. Yet you never truly realize long those hours are until you break them down hour by hour which is exactly what we did. We decided to go on an adventure by doing 24 things in 24 hours. Now this may sound fun but we can assure you it was no easy task. Our biggest challenge was not talking for an hour. Our other difficulties were and were not limited to being blind, acting like boys, attempting yoga, not touching the ground, playing instruments, and building a fort. Our biggest success however was limited to dancing for an hour. Overall it was an exciting, demanding, comedic, long journey. If you attempt this we recommend that you bring Advil and friends that you can handle for 24 hours. Luckily we had both.



Energizing



Don't Touch The Ground



Yoga



Finished!





Hannah Allen
Op-Ed Writer

Big Smiles, Sore Thumbs and Pretty Bird Houses

The boys in Mike Troy’s shop class are typically known for being tough, rugged and ready to work. But, they do have a compassionate side too, that they don’t always show. Cristina Dolcino, a teacher at Mast Way Elementary School, invited Mike Troy and some of his students to visit Mast Way to help her students build bird houses; Troy happily accepted the invitation. He asked his students if they were willing to give up a free period to help the studnets out, many of them were excited to show their knowledge of wood work with the elementary students.

Each high school student was partnered up with an elemantary student, together they built a bird house. The older boys would hold the nails in place as the youngsters put all their effort into hitting the nails. Although the boys ended the day with sore thumbs, they were truly amazing working with the kids. They all were able to connect with their partners and work together to put build a bird house for each student to bring home.



Senior Josh Perkins working hard helping a student finish her birdhouse. Each group was given the peice for the bird houses, together they had to figure out which peices went where.



Senior Mitch Mennelle helping a student build his birdhouse. Laughing he said, “They couldnt hit the nails right so everybody had red thumbs at the end of the day.” Although his thumbs were throbbing by the end of the day, the overall experience was fun and new.



Junior John Andrews working together with Mast Way student. The older students held nails in place while the younger students hammered the house together.



Senior Cooper Falk posing for a picture with the student he worked with. “She was very happy and energetic. They were all the picture of innocence, very happy and ready to just have fun. She hit my hands with her hammer about 8 times, that wasn’t fun,” said Falk.





Senior Devin Cahill holding the birdhouse in place as a student hammers in the nails. “The girls’ birdhouses actually came out better than some of the boys’,” said Cahill.



Michael Stacey holding the sides in place while his partner hammers in the nails. “All the kids were actually pretty good at building the bird houses,” says Stacey. “Most of them came out looking really good.”



Mike Troy’s high school shop class helps a Mast Way kindergarten class make bird houses. Together each Mast Way student was able to go home with a finished and decorated bird house to show their parents. The high school students learned to work with younger children and the elementary students learned how to use team work to accomplish things.

Tips for How to Make a Bird House (with children)

- 1. Make sure all the pieces line up nicely. Edges should be straight so that when you begin nailing them together they will fit perfectly.
- 2. Have lots of extra nails on hand. Many nails will be bent and broken during the process. Make sure you have lots of spare nails so that you can quickly replace them.
- 3. Be careful before nailing together pieces. Make sure that you don’t nail the wrong two pieces together; this was a common occurrence at Mast Way.
- 4. Beware of hammers hitting your thumbs. Be prepared to have very red, very sore thumbs for a day or so afterwards. Not all children have the best aim, so be ready for some pain.
- 5. Although the Mast Way students were able to produce extremely nice bird houses, you have to have reasonable expectations for the children. They don’t have to look perfect in order to be perfect.

The YouTube Phenomenon

This video-hosting site is here to stay.



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If you don’t know what YouTube.com is, you have been living in a cave for the last 5 years. YouTube, the explosive video hosting site, has opened doors of communication side by side with the expansion of technology. The site has been growing in popularity since its launch, and has no signs of stopping.

Many people use the popular site to view the newest viral video, or the latest music video. In April of 2010, Lady Gaga’s new video for her hit ‘Telephone’ received over 1 billion views, setting the record for the site to date. Other popular videos such as the viral hits “David goes to the Dentist” and “Charlie Bit Me” have created buzz for the site. Both videos together collected 243,831,215 views and the numbers are still growing. Viral videos, which are videos



Oliver Slezak ‘bringing a fly back to life’ in his you-tube video “I resurrect a fly’. Slezaks other videos depict knife flipping and lighting himself on fire. (Photo still curtosy of youtube.com)

that have been shared through the process of internet sharing, are one of the many things on YouTube that increase popularity for the site.

“Vlogs” or video-blogs are more popular with the increase in technology. Because of accessibility, more people are leaning away from traditional paper journals and picking up a flip camera to videotape their lives. YouTube has created the perfect haven for vloggers. The vlogging phenomenon popped up in the early 2000s with various independent people jumping into the unknown field, and quickly grew. Yahoo! had their own video blogging group on their site

that grew in popularity until YouTube’s increased viewer base skyrocketed in July of 2006. Anyone can vlog, but some people have taken the online trend to new heights, and out of it become “online celebrities”.

The “YouTube Partner Program” is a new program that YouTube offers to popular YouTube uploaders. The program allows compensation for the efforts put forth on videos, and it has allowed some hugely successful online personalities to stick to YouTube as a full-time job.

Connected with the Partner Program, uploaders are able to see statistics for their videos, with information about who’s watching, how they’ve found your videos, and other information that helps critique content. Popular celebrity news vlogger Michael Buckley (YouTube username whatthebuckshow) has used his popularity to create a business, and he has a 6-figure income because of his video’s revenues.

Non-Profits and charities have also gotten use out of the popular video site. YouTube’s Nonprofit Program helps to promote good causes, and allows easy access to donating. The One Campaign, Clinton Foundation, YouthNoise, and Earthjustice are just a couple of or-

ganizations that have profited by the program.

Even students from ORHS are using the YouTube site to put up their own videos to share with friends and the world. Senior Matthew McCarthy (username bobmanham1) has a YouTube account, and has various funny videos of him and his friends. “I use YouTube because it is by far the most popular video viewer on the internet. I like to make videos because it is a good way to waste time with friends,” says McCarthy. Other members of the Oyster River community that have videos online are Senior Josh Park (username poshjark) and Oliver Slezak, who would have been in the graduating class (username rancidpunk69) have funny homemade videos ranging from raps to lighting themselves on fire. YouTube is engrained in our society, and from the looks of how far its come, it will be around for years to come.

Yah Superman
bobmanham1 11 videos



Senior Allen Coq in the video ‘Yah Superman’. Coq is depicted as superman and shenanigans ensue. (Photo still curtosy of youtube.com)

Check ‘Em Out!

My personal YouTube recommendations

(all photos curtosy of google.com)



•**Vlogbrothers**: Hank and John Green are brothers who decided to communicate solely through YouTube videos for a whole year. Through their experiment they’ve collected a following if what is known as the ‘Nerd fighters’ whose mission is to ‘decrease world suck’. Hank and John are still making almost daily vlogs to each other, but have done many things to help the community such as the ‘Project for Awesome’ where the nerd fighters take over YouTube for a day and get the word out about various charities that they feel passionate about. As a collective they’ve given lots of money to charities, promoted John Greens books and gotten them on the New York Times Best-Sellers list, and are continuing to be extremely entertaining.



•**Pomplamoosemusic**: Nataly Dawn and Jack Conte are two musicians who created the band ‘Pomplamoose’. They have uploaded countless original songs and genius covers of songs and they have perfected the art of what they like to call ‘videosongs’. They videotape playing their songs and what you see is what you hear. They do the filming and the recording of their songs in one take essentially. I love their sound and it’s evident that these two are genuine and passionate about music.



•**Glozell1**: If you haven’t seen the hilarious videos of Glozell driving around to ‘go see peter at the park’ and of her waxing her mustache on a Saturday night, then you’ve missed out. Aspiring actress Glozell has been putting up strange videos on YouTube for years, and if you’re just looking for a random laugh, her videos will do the trick.



Ben Belanger
Guest Writer

- Becca Hoff
- Shake That – Eminem
- Superman – Eminem
- My Name Is – Eminem
- Cleanin Out My Closest – Eminem
- Angel – Jack Johnson
- Skinny Love – Bon Iver
- Love Drunk – Boys Like Girls
- Sorry – Buckcherry
- The Way I Am – Ingrid Michaels
- Catch My Disease – Ben Lee
- Symphonies – Dan Black ft. Kid Cudi
- Ziggy Stardust – David Bowie
- Big Girls Don’t Cry – Fergie
- Damn it Feels Good to Be a Gangster – Geto Boys
- Down – Jay Sean ft. Lil Wayne
- Rainbow Connection – Kermit the Frog
- Freak On A Leash – Korn
- Not Afraid – Eminem
- Red Red Wine – UB 40
- Boom Boom Boom Boom – Vengaboys



Wha’s On Yo Pod?

Mrs. Rogers listens to Shakira. Ned Clarke listens to Akon. Becca Hoff listens to Eminem, and Celeste Best loves Celine Dion. We know, it’s hilarious.

Ben Belanger and Bridget Regan decided to venture out on a quest into the unknown to see just what is hidden the depths of iPods across the building. The results might surprise you.



- Celeste Best
- The Power of Love – Celine Dion
- Love Shack – The B-52’s
- Come a Little Closer – Dierks Bentley
- My Heart Will Go On – Celine Dion
- In Your Eyes – Peter Gabriel
- When You Say Nothing At All – Alison Krauss
- Whiskey Lullaby – Brad Paisly
- She’s Everything – Brad Paisly
- Ticks – Brad Paisly
- Letters To Me – Brad Paisly
- Lost in This Moment – Big and Rich
- Born in the USA – Bruce Springsteen
- Hillbilly Deluxe – Brooks and Dunn
- Cheater, Cheater – Joey and Rory
- Before He Cheats – Carrie Underwood



Bridget Regan
Features Writer

- Ned Clark
- I’m So Paid – Akon ft Lil Wayne
- Smack That – Akon ft Snooooooop
- Good Morning Beautiful – Blake Shelton
- Only the Good Die Young – Billy Joel
- Scar Tissue – RHCP
- How to Save a Life – The Fray
- How ‘Bout them Cowgirls – George Straight
- My Maria – Brooks and Dunn
- All American Girl – Carrie Underwood
- Love Story – Taylor Swift
- Just Dance – Lady GaGa
- Poker Face – Lady GaGa
- Only Me When I’m With You – Taylor Swift

- Laura Rogers
- Counting Blue Cars – Dishwalla
- Not Ready to Make Nice – Dixie Chicks
- Here Without You – 3 Doors Down
- Rock Star – Nickelback
- Hips Don’t Lie – Shakira ft Wyclef Jean
- Whenever, Wherever – Shakira
- This is the Day – The The
- Save Tonight – Eagle-Eye Cherry
- Lean On Me- Club Nouveau
- Rehab – Amy Winehouse
- Hometown Glory – Adele
- In Your Eyes – Peter Gabriel
- Rocky Top – Osborne Brothers
- All That Jazz – Chicago
- Illegal – Shakira ft Carlos Santana
- When I’m Gone – 3 Doors Down
- Mambo No. 5 – Lou Bega
- If Everyone Cared – Nickelback

Senior Wills

That time of year has come where the touch is to be passed down and a generation leaves their final mark. Here are the senior wills for the graduating class of 2010.

Samantha Ackerman:
Jaclyn - To carry on the HB11 curfew
V- The Ackerman name
Tennis Team – Stories...
Bridget- Ridiculous glow in the dark animal bracelets
Ben- The last dance

Hannah Allen:
Luna – My quillow to cuddle on the bus with
John DeTurk – High school dances and my heart
Brad – 2 Durgin Drive (or Lane) and a hiss
Liam – 778-6969
Bridget & Ben – The duties of being co-editors
Kayli, Corey, Sara, Mandi, Natalie – A baton to win states with
G-State - Annihilation
Marissa, Nicholas, and Stephen – A lisp, and friday night dinners.

Sarah Bakman:
I'd like to leave my hope for the best for everyone in the school. I don't know you all, but I hope you enjoy your last few years of high school and that you can remember not to take yourselves or life too seriously. Have fun and appreciate the fact that you have a safe place to learn and teachers who are eager to teach you. So smile, be brave, and focus on finding out who you are.
Love, Sarah.

Emily Balch:
Eliza – The Balch name & The Parents
Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Team - Pushups & chance at state champs
Swim Team – Bill & 5AM Practices

Kelsie Belanger:
Ben Belanger and Wade Belanger – The hot and famous Belanger name
Pheobe LaMont – Psychology Today and philosophical library chats
Wade Belanger – The Miracle of Life
Julie, Marty, Mike, Frankie, etc. – The incoming freshmen of Bus #23

Matthew Blom:
My sister - a Frisbee and a tennis ball so that her and her friends will have something to do when it gets warm out
Mr. Laurence - a clack duck I made in pottery
Mr. Cangelo - a can of Jell-o
Mr. OC - some chill pills.

Gabby Brodeur:
Joe Bennett – ULTIMATE BALL
Mikel – eye jokes
Jack G. – the crabs’ song
SCoit – 4x100
ASullivan – Hyphy beats, terrible scary movies
Zach – best of the best
Spencenug – Winston’s rambunctious sniffles
Mr. Zottoli – a class that appreciates Time Magazine
Heather Healy – Enthusiastic econ students, the fruits of my labor
Ned - track practices and my love
Travis - a good sophomore year
Bridget - the title of NARP

Alex Buck:
Hannah Grant – Dolken
Luna – My untied shoes
Sam Smith – Common sense, Dolken’s facial hair, a moon-light night at Adam’s Point
Tony Limaro – The pottery department
Frankie Mullin – Lamprey Lane steez
Ryan Horton – A loaf of bread
Mr. Whalen – My self-esteem

Emilie Busque:
All – Just try to get through school. Save your last quarter absences to when you really don’t feel like coming into school.

Devin Cahill:
Brenna – A scavenger hunt, keys the PHAT kingdom, short skirts, Ray’s glasses, the parents, Liam

Sarah Carey:
Matt Carey – Don’t get arrested and I’m leaving you the

Subaru
Sara Coit – Driving to Portsmouth to get underwear and McDonalds
John Deturk – The Haiti Club...

Casey Chalmers:
To Jack Clancy – The Great Bay Rowing legacy, use it well.
Elise Contas
Hallie – jag, white v-necks, wrecking in soccer leader drills, House Bunny, Sass
McGregor – Steez, Soccer/Lynder
Danielle – British Thursday, Ballin’, another championship
Allie Harris – Caesar, fun before spags...
Spencer – Canney Farms
Rhys – Whaleness

Loren Couse:
Harry Slephian – The GSA and all the hot men
Ariana R and Emmie – Some peace and quiet fetish jokes...
Steffen Haake – I will clear his sept of BNG coffees and you get Matthew McCarthey
Andrew Barubito, Sam Owens and Willow – my old socks

Iesha Crotty:
Mike – Upperclassmen privileges, the car, driving Tommy, Amanda, the house work, mom & dad
Sally P – Science & math classes, classic stories
Katti P – Almost cousin, my other half, FUN TIMES
Tom – Texts, lacrosse, my sexiness
Geoff – My love, showers, late night DHOP visits, my rockin’ bod
Jack G – My music, Serani, Baker

Alex Curtis:
Jeff Johnson – Sped room and the Chilbelto
Zach Algrim – Your crazy parents
Forest Hoffman – Bob Lang
Mr. Laurence – The sick big piece of pottery I never glazed last year
Mrs. Best – Tanks & firetrucks
Mr. Mroz – Peace bro. Keep it real.
Next year’s senior class & years of seniors to come – Keep causing mayhem and irritate the administration
Rachel Valley – I love you.

Maggie Dana:
Jonathan Dana – The gym 1st thing in the morning and the dance unit

Nate Drogseth:
Baver – I’m expecting 40 goals out of you next season
Tony and Peach – Hold down the tennis team next year
Jeff Johnson – Se cheesed barn yard games & dipples
Deturk – Deturd
Tom Gehling – Let the SUS legacy live on
Little Kitty – Try not to be so aish

Kylee Drugan-Eppich:
Tim – Hey broskeline, you can have the car, my parents :)
Girls XC – A fantastic season
Kate Messler – 1000 high fives
Jacob Reny – 1000000 awkward hugs
Mr. Hawley – Tick repellent
Ms. Ricker – A camp site reservation
Ms. Raiford – All my bad jokes

Hannah Eiseman:
Peter Attisano – Sumpreme control over the 4-H club and an awesome senior year
Phoebe LaMont – Rides home
Talya Auger – Brewer classes
Stephanie Hollister & Rachel Ameduri – Some awesome 4-H memories
Melissa Halliwell – Weird news, Gilly-bean! quarter flipping
Jake Baver & Zach Westrasmus – Dinosaurs, envi sci and my heiseman awesomeness

Gordon H. Fenn:
Emily Behrendt – I leave you all of my stuff and hope that you carry on carrying on.
Harry Slepian and Evan Howard – Best wishes and MBFD
To everyone else – I leave my shorts; eat them.

Erik Frid:
Jose Pescador - the coolest first name
Jack Clancy - my attention span and my bro love
Slim - some catnip

Zany Penguin - an ethnicity and a ride home
J-Par and Simon - the trumpet section
Joe Lane - a trombone
Ariana and Cassie - the Mad Gangsters
Tommy Duvall - Nothing
Bradams - a calendar
GHudd - the GBR facebook
Bridget - my best friendship, my heart, my soul.

Kevin Fwu:
Gubby – Beat Amesbury

Agnes Fotino:
Kelsey MacIssac – Shammies
Bobby McDonough – My heart
Hallie – Dunks beach runs
Ashley Benuck – My Clothes
Evan – More of my heart

Craig Goddard:
Brad Burke – The Show
Joe – The Buffalo
Hockey Team – Griffs speeches
Brittany – “I DUNNO!”
Mrs. Milliken – On the portabluh

Michael Graham:
Grant - The pink hat
Mr. Morin – Absolutely nothing

Michelle Hobbs:
Team – A Championship please!! And another Portsmouth win
Breezy – My half of the Pizza
Chels – I love you! Don’t get hurt, and get nasty kills
Hannah – Jacob is mine but I’ll give you Jacoby
Kyle – I guess the Lucky Charms are yours now.
Whoever gets #7 – Take care of it or else.

Lorraine Hu:
To D-Nas, BriGa, and C-Soule – I leave my collection of nicknames.
Erin, Annie, and Michaela – Take good care of those knock-knock jokes!
Mini Congals – You can have The Fratellis and my imaginary car.
Grant – I leave the man voice!
Johnny Boy – Doctor Who geekery
Steffen – pumpkin bread recipe
Everyone who takes Brit Lit – Kate Bush

Chandler Hull:
To Gubby – My running speed
To Whoever wants them – my mechanical skills
To Christian Davis – 1st place in warm-up runs
To Ryan Horton – My Spanish knowledge

Kellee Jackson:
Megan McGregor – Ride to school. Linder Garden Ln.
Izzy Gorham – Hope for beating Julia
H Miz – Never saying no to fun
Rhys – Not being lazy when you ski
Allie Harris – Soccer spags :)
Tennis Team – Stories and winning more

Alyssa Johnson:
Alex (Brother Jansen) – Nick Ricciardi, Scooty Patooty, soccer skills, \$50.00 (not really), Lucy!
Corey & Kayli – Pesto pasta, Bad Girls Club, JoAnn’s, Sam Adams, Starbucks
Allie – Corey & Kayli (keep them in line ;)), Starbucks
GVS – Lynda & State Championship. Work hard!
Shauna – My brother! Take care of him
Rebecca & Sara – The track team
Ned Clarke – Yummy foods
Ethan Druskat – The denim bag

Marisa Kang:
I give love to Erin, recording devices, endless sun and cheez-its to Con-Mac, PIT to Ellyn, art room to Tony L, the entire bug baffleter set for Lawrence, B’s for Beezly, henna and tie-dye for Helen S, reggae mixes for Landen, and some LIGHT for everyone who treads these halls... Let it be positive all the time.

Senior Wills Cont.

Donovan Kelley:
Forrest – Greens, Lax team, Boom Bye Bye
Jeff – Crank, stone face, trails
Mike – Thirds, Poop again!
Marisa B - A good knee, Dump ‘Em Outlawz
Andrea – Something deezmo
Alphonse – My heart
Fletch + Brad – Bomb, naked ghost

Mary Lamont:
Phoebe – Walking to school in the rain, Charlie and Russell
Lydia – French and Stress
Sonja Pape – My questionable math, a unicorn
Marina – care of Penguin, wading through the brook
Griffen – Hats
Molly G. - Bridges and inconspicuous missing dot
ORP Kids – Kelly and the Barn

Taylor Lannamann:
Hotch – I leave you Wentworth & “He said what?” (And an Inflatable Buddha)
Nick – I give you Red Truck & all my guitar picks (since you never had any...)

Emily Latham:
My Soph-Soph – A lot of fun with a little crazy mixed in. I <3 my Soph-Soph. <3 Forever Em-Em
Lawrence – A pony. Thanks for your help

Sean Leahy:
Baver – My gameboy, Cyprus
Fletch – Bugouts, sniping it
Hallie –Surrey thugs
Bishop – Hockey team

Hannah Lonstein:
Elbel-Life talks. Baker times...cant touch this
Lay-ron-Jammin’, dance moves, the heart to heart convo
Helen-Laughter, dance battles, Molly...
Omes-Tyra
Crew Crew-Crazy times, love you girls. REPLAY!
Clancy-Best friendship
Hallie and Megan-THE face. Hussies.
Spencer-Emily’s fall
Jaclyn-Sisterly love
Bridget-Seniority and Ben
Ben- Bridget.

Michelle Mason:
Allie – Fluffy! And all the memories we’ve had with it.
And some water in case there’s no snow to eat...

Tommy McDonnell:
Adam Goodwin – 3.5
Chris Walker – 4.0

Alex Meissner:
Hannah Grant – Dolken
Spencer Wyand – First Base
Travis Hackett – 86 mph change-up
Ali Lewis – A sponge
Wilson Fwu – Kicked off track team crew
Geoff Lee- Chloe Sailor
Mr. Brewer – Germany’s superior soccer skills and an EPL Championship for Wolverhampton

Carol Messler:
Izzy-Will car to drive Megan
Megan-Watermelons!
McQuade and Comeau-Soccer Steeze
Soccer Team-Beach bodies
Caitlin-Leopard leather jacket
Hallie-Snookie, the name MAWOR and speed
Rodgers-5AM workouts with Scott
Rhys-MY SISTER! Be nice to Kate
Zach West.-Carolla jokes
Paige Moody-Sarcasm and Bromley
Dube-Panera, Dunks and BNG runs
Emma-My mom outfits

Cody Mills:
Averie Chandler – Santa’s little helper
Jeff Johnson – You got nothing
Chris Walker – My 3 point abilities, prom pictures

Kyle Milner:
Ethan – Some roundogs
Andrew – My Brooklyn College Tee

Krumpe – A diary
Brady – Some Jordans
Zach – A Bob Gibson rookie card
Nick – An alarm clock
Allie/Jenny – Laforce
Bridget/Dube – A slushie from circle K
Austin – A dance
Ivy Moody:
Steffen – Immigration
Paige and Annemarie – Sleepover
Taylor and Rachel – Individuality
Anna Todd – Pyrotechnics
Hannah Nelson – Relay for Life Fashion Show
Sierra D – The Mosaic
Lucas – Crazy outside girls
Joes – Strong Emotion nice guy

Molly Moynihan:
Naomi S – Stephanie’s gloves, Dave’s hat, and Dear John
Lauren C – The 2 rap songs on my iPod, also bird noises
Helen S – My bird noises and bizarre conversations on the cox box
Emily B – Oldies 103.3 and uncomfortable talks in the Bagelry
Crew Team – All my awkward moments and my cosmos
Megan M – Half of my crazy spandex

Jack Nadeau:
Basketball Team – Leave everything on the court
Hen – An outside shot
Goodwin – The paint is yours 3.5
Chris – Coe Brown biddies 4.0
Lacrosse Team – The brotherhood
Jeff, Forest, Mikey – Don’t be dumb.
Tom G – Sus
All Underclassmen – If you have a legitimate goal, don’t let anything get in your path... It’s only high school; it’s not your life.

Prerana Nanda:
Marina – All my orange binders, pens, post-its, etc.; the legacy of RIEOTH!!!
Poornima – NHS, my brother, the “magic” of senior year
Harry, Julie, Erin and my lovely lit staff – The future of OR literacy
Steffen – FOOD, LT
Kelly – Mix CDs, College, DBQs, freshmen
Sam Lewis – Cookies and extra-curriculars
Pranav- Fifth grade mentor, World domination, and my last word

Noah Nelsen:
Emily Dube – Being best friends with Mrs. Caple
Katja Ritchie – All the fun of the Murder Mystery
The lucky juniors, doing yearbook – some of the hardest work you’ll ever do.
John Meredith – The only boy tenor. Sing loud.
Erin Leahy – All the fun characters that you get to make a fool of yourself in.

Daniel Olken:
Helen Segil - A year without math
Sara Coit – Hurdles
Sam Smith – Messing around F-Period
Tony Limauro – The art room. Frisbee team that should have been
Boys’ Track – State Champs
John Deturk - A punch in the arm, a chair
Adam Goodwin – Starting Beard Club
Megan McGregor – Byeeeeee, Getting yelled at by Frankie
Lawrence – A refill, staying on task
Wilson Fwu – Unfinished workouts

Caitlin Olson:
First a loud hello in the morning to Nick Smith and Bubz
Mr. Zottoli – A high five in the hall
Heather Healy – Freedom from a windowless room, and peace at lunch
Zach Westrasmus – an extra pillow, a hostess cake, a hoods up-windows down car ride in the rain
Sam Smith – An awesome junior and senior year

Josh Park:
John Bartholomew Meredith - everything

Paraj Patel:
Gubby Noronha – Obesity
Mrs. Tag –

Tony Limaura – Dubai hat
Mr. Mroz – Ipod
Brady Brickner-Wood – My non-existent car

Kara Pavlidis:
Corey & Kayli – Pesto Pasta, Sam Adams
GVS – Lynda & state championship
Corey Scarano –Golden eagle, chungus, Bad Girls Club, Jo Ann’s Fabrics, Lily Radack
Kristen Rhode – Managing the hockey team
Ned Clarke – Awesome chef skills
Allie H – Dragonbird, more than 250 texts, national anthem at sporting events

Margot Popecki:
Molly G – Ice
Mini Congles – A Skors bar
Parkmeister – Harvard
Meredith – New shoes
Mareeni, Rachel and Kristen – Orange holographic squirrels and running
Bridget – Our gossiping mothers
Phoebe – Pony club!
Andrew – British music and a pancake
Steffen – Lady GaGa and Harry Potter

Anna Reed:
Mikey- the rest of the high school experience – you’ll be fine
Harry Slepian – The ‘King Gay’ crown... or should I say ‘Queen’?
Mrs. Horsley – The strength to get through another year-book staff. They have big shoes to fill.
Sarah Vaughn – The senior core – Enjoy it. Hopefully your grade will keep it intact.

Ben Rogers:
Christian Sbrilli – Honeybaked Ham
Andy Southworth – Hannaford’s
Tony Limauro – Nothin’
Emily Rogers – Matt Webber
Spencer Wyand – My Magic Cards and community service

Becca Sasso:
Megan MarcAnthony: The long awaited jersey number 14 is now finally yours!
Hannah Fritter: Three more amazing years of high school and a bright future!
Ellyn Legard: Free counseling, if needed!!
Emily Beherendt: All the responsibility of improving the world, no worries I’ll help!
Lucas Davies: Much more concerned text advice.

Kai Schidlovsky:
Ryan Bishop – The nickname BPC
Adrian Schidlovsky – The Tahoe, my laptop, good luck
Owen Allen – Your cage
Bobby Mcdonough – All the “sour patch kids”
Sam Smith – My wisom, you’re not Brendan
Evan Doyan – A grizzly
Andreew Sullivan – All my piano skillz
Lucas Davies – Faith
Jack Garnhart – Foreign women, Arnold Palmer
Joe Bennett – Dangles
AJ Renolds – Permission to be my homie, endless rhymes

Timmy Short:
Brielle – My legacy
Alphonse – You know who...
Sus – Artistic Ability
Deturk – Nothing
Brady – Shortstop
Mulhern – Chores at Chaw’s house
Tony – The art room and the Senior desk
The Art Teachers – “The mug” and my gratitude
Ben – My big green tractor
Bridget – My first born child

Kristen Silverman:
Nicole – I leave you the rest of your high school experience and my over achieving attitude – you can do it!
Ariana and Sarah – I leave you the senior core and seniori-tis, have fun!
Eric, Genja, Sydney, and Austin – I leave you all of our crazy bus memories.

Molly Snelling:
Peter Krumpe – The role of honorary Snelling for the next year and all the dead unicorns in the world

Senior Wills Cont.

Ellyn & Krumpe – The carpool to Lee and the car that sounds like a motorcycle
Katja, Grant and John – Family gang signs
Nina – My heart...shaped necklace

Jack Swenson:
To the freshman named Gillbert – My reserved seat in the library
All PDT files on my network drive are to be transferred to the account of Joshua Smith
...and please, someone PLEASE tell Joseph Fletcher I did NOT take his Ghastlord of Fugue.

Alexe Taylor:
Ski team – A fantastic season
Chloe + Helen – Pottery skills
Paige – Cross blocking
Harry Slepian – Nerd Chic and Lit Mag!!

Sara Usher:

Hallie – Sketching skills
Helen – The Zielinski children
McGregor – My ghost flashlight
Bridget – A picture of a squirrel, a belt
Ben – An awkward conversation with Mr. Lord
Katie Vaughn
Danielle- Our problem child, and a date to sadies.
Kelsey – Danielle, my good judgement and an A+ in Span-ish!
Chance – My French homework
Zach – My Algebra homework
Sarah – My love and a fantastic senior year!
Bobby – A box of mac and cheese
Harry – New shoes, and one more shot at the closing announcement

Alex Walnicki:
What’s mine is mine... I’m keepin’ it all.

Matt Webber:

Jack Collopy, Gubby Noronha, Ryan Brady, Chris Olivier, and the rest of the XC team – The future of the team and hopefully a state championship
Joe Lane - Getting some.
Evan Webber – A home alone with just the parents. Have fun with that.
Gubby and Jack – A school full of liberals... stay strong gentlemen.

Jamie Wilkinson:
Brad Burke – The Show
Simple Higgs – The hockey team
Brad and Joe – B.P.K.

Kyle Williamson:
Joe Lane – Evan Webber
Jack Collopy – Nick Ricciardi’s sprinting spikes
Evan Webber – My sister’s field hockey stick for next year’s tryouts, his mom’s minivan, Sara Coit

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What Will You Miss After You Graduate?



“Free clay!”

- Robert Sack

“I’m going to miss Mrs. Raiford”

- Brendan Kotlus



“Not Mr. Lawrence”

- Alyssa Johnson



“The core”

-Didi Harris



“The wood shop and working with free wood.”
-Josh Perkins



“My best buddy Forrest Hoffman!”
- Isaiah Winterbottom



“I’m going to miss Mrs. Miale dearly!”
- Gabby Brodeur



Street Food

Taking a water taxi out to the Statue of Liberty, ice skating in Rockefeller Center, being on “Cash Cab,” and eating food that’s served street side from a truck. These are just a few things that you can do in New York City. While the sheep farms and endless forests of Seacoast New Hampshire may be a world away from N.Y.C. you can still get your hands on food served out of trucks and trailers. Where would someone go to find these mobile chili serving, junk food paradises? I went out into the world with an empty stomach with an appetite for junk food to find out.



Erik Frid
News Writer

Lee Circle Grocery - Lee, NH
Where and when to find it?
At the Lee Traffic Circle on Route 125 next to the Lee Medical Center.
7AM-8PM Monday through Friday
8AM-8PM Saturdays
9AM-4PM Sundays
In a temporary location after selling its building to “Walgreens,” “Lee Circle Grocery” plans to move out of the trailers into a permanent location by next year. “Lee Circle Grocery” was first started in the 1980s and has gained a really faithful following. When I was there it seemed like every customer had known the cashier Rodney for several decades. “We’ve been around so long that my customers come back,” said Rodney about whether or not he has lost customers after moving into the temporary trailers. He said that “Lee Circle Grocery” has a background of a custom butcher shop and that even though they are not in a permanent building he still does butchering. “Everything is homemade.” Along with turf, “Lee Traffic Grocery” serves its share of seafood.
What to get?
-Hamburgers
-Steak Bomb
-Italian Sub
Final Verdict
If the faithful customers is any indicator than the diverse menu of “Lee Traffic Grocery” is worth the stop.

Rrramon’s - Durham, New Hampshire
Where and when to find it?
Academic Way in front of the Paul Creative Arts Center.
7AM-3PM Monday through Thursday
7AM-2PM on Fridays.
During the summer open 8-2
Like “Kurt’s Lunchbox,” “Rrramon’s” had a predecessor. The owner of “Rrramon’s,” Ramon Valdez Jr. worked at the former food cart, “It’s a Wrap,” and when it closed Valdez opened, “Rrramon’s.” Valdez was first a truck driver out of high school, but since then he was always a cook-working at a holiday inn and a race track.
What to get?
-Pulled pork
-Chili/Chili Dog
-Chicken Salad Wrap
Final Verdict
Unless Oyster River High School students go straight from school, “Rrramon’s” generally won’t be available for high school students. However, for future UNH students, “Rrramon’s” is a great alternative to Holloway Commons and the food downtown. Plus there’s nowhere else in Durham that serves a chili dog as good as, “Rrramon’s.”

Kurt’s Lunchbox – Durham, New Hampshire
Where and when to find it?
C Lot in front of the M.U.B.
10:30 PM-2AM Thursday-Saturday
Before “Kurt’s Lunchbox” there was “Karl’s,” who like “Kurt’s” sold French fries with cheese, chili, and an assortment of other toppings. A lot of people assume that Kurt the owner of “Kurt’s” and Karl are related, but Kurt says that he’s never met the man. “I guess I’m following in his footsteps.” A signature item at “Kurt’s Lunchbox” from the days of “Karl’s” is the cheese fry “Snotty.” “If I didn’t do that I wouldn’t have a business,” Kurt said. Kurt has been selling late night food for 11 years while working a day job. “It’s somewhat therapeutic,” said Kurt who plans to be serving food to college students for years to come. “If the vehicle holds out...I’ll do it until some unforeseen reason comes up.”
What to get?
-Cheese Fry “Snotty.”
-BBQ Chicken Fries
-Pizza Fries (mozzarella and pizza sauce with cheddar sauce)
-Grilled Cheese with a “nest of fries.”
Final Verdict
With the combination of a plethora of French Fry choices, large portions, and the late night atmosphere, “Kurt’s Lunchbox” is the place to go after 11 o’clock.



Rrramon’s on Andrew Way serves a variety of lunchtime food.

Gilley’s - Portsmouth, NH
Where and when to find it?
Fleet street next to the parking garage and across the street from “Coat of Arms Pub.”
11:30AM-6PM Mondays
11:30AM-2:30AM Tuesday-Sunday
“Gilley’s” named after a long time employee who passed away in 1986 has been a staple in Portsmouth for nearly a century. First pulled in by horse and parked in front of the Stone Church, “Gilley’s” is in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most unpaid parking tickets. Now “Gilley’s” sits on land that was donated by the city and got an expansion wing added to the trailer in 1996.
What to get?
-Double Chili Cheeseburger
-Chili Dog
-Chili Cheese Fries
Final Verdict
Basically if you’ve lived on the Seacoast and haven’t gone to “Gilley’s” I suggest you put down this newspaper immediately grab a “Hamilton” and make your way over to this hidden gem. With great food and the old fashion one of the kind trailer you can’t find any other place like “Gilley’s.”

Keith’s - Dover, NH
Where and when to find it?
In the parking lot between Ross Furniture and the Strand Theater
11AM-5PM Monday through Friday
11AM-4PM Saturdays
11 PM-2AM Friday and Saturday Nights
“Keith’s” which was originally named “Kreative Katerer Kitchen” opened last March and sells all of its food with a Red Sox theme. “Yankees fans pay double,” joked Kevin Meehan, Keith’s brother and one of the co-owners. According to Kevin, between the two brothers there they have 40 years of experience cooking. Keith is a trained classic chef from Johnson and Wells and Kevin has worked in the restaurant business. When Keith was laid off the two brothers decided to open the food cart in Dover. To match the Green Monster painting on the side of the cart are the name of the dishes: the Youk, the Big Papi, the Peskey Roll.
What to get?
-The Buckholz Bacon Cheese Burger
-Rem Dawg (a hot dog)
-El Tiente (Italian sausage sub)
Final Verdict
Even Yankees fans can enjoy “Keith’s.” With the vintage ballpark menu minus the ridiculous ballpark prices one should definitely check out “Keith’s” the next time they’re in Dover and have the urge to eat a delicious hamburger named after their favorite player.



Bridget Regan
Features Writer

Go Shorty, It’s Yo Birfday

You are sitting and waiting patiently for your dessert to come when all of the sudden a parade of wait staff comes over to your table clapping and singing while holding a giant stuffed moose. People celebrate with different ways, but chances are you’ve been out to eat to celebrate your birthday, or a birthday of someone you know, and each restaurant has different songs and different traditions that they use to help you celebrate. But why do they sing these songs? Where do they come from? The Birthday Song, is a copyrighted song that would make the restaurants pay to own the royalties to the song, because singing in a restaurant is a public show. In order for these places to avoid paying extra money, they created their own songs that also make them unique from other establishments. At the ever popular, Applebee’s, they sing you their own individual song,

and then give you a free dessert shooter. There is no ID required for this and you don’t need to call ahead. This is a common practice for birthday traditions in restaurants, but some places try to switch things up a little. The Texas Road House has the birthday participant get up and sit on a giant saddle while their birthday is announced to the entire restaurant. Bugaboo Creek Steak House has you kiss a moose. Depending on where you go, different restaurants add their own flavor to the Birthday Song to make them stand out. An example of this would be the newly opened Roundabout Diner in Portsmouth sings a Doo-Op version of the birthday classic. Depending on where you go and what you want there are different treats and different ways that you can celebrate that big day of the year that’s all about you. Take your pick, whether it be a nice evening at home or a night on the town, you can always find something that will be right for you.



The desert shooter offered at Applebees.

To celebrate an early 17th birthday, two friends, Emma True and Emily Dube, and I went to the ever popular Applebee’s restaurant in Portsmouth, NH. We ventured out at around 4 o’clock on a Sunday night, hoping to beat the dinner rush. When we arrived we were escorted to a booth where we proceeded to order our meals. During my well-timed bathroom trip, True and Dube alerted our waitress about my birthday. Right before the time we were about to receive the check, the group of wait staff that were in attendance at the restaurant that night proceeded to walk on over to our table while singing and clapping, holding one of their dessert shooters. This was a bit of a disappointment because in past years they had given a free Triple Chocolate Meltdown with a birthday celebration. A couple of weeks later on my actual birthday my mother and I went to the hibachi restaurant in Portsmouth for a nice birthday treat. At the end of the meal the employees at the restaurant came out with a piece of cheesecake that had a lit candle in it, while banging a gong and singing, Happy Birthday. This was the type of celebration I was looking for. While Applebee’s is a classic chain restaurant that people go to, their free dessert portions have gone way down in recent years and they don’t bang a gong. There are many different choices that you have for your birthday, but I suggest trying something that may not be at a chain restaurant and try something new. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Spiders, Bridges, and Mice, Oh My!



Hannah Lonstein
Features Writer

A phobia is defined as an irrational fear. A lot of people have these fears and realize that it's "stupid" or that a spider is hardly a threat to a human with big feet. But this is why it is an irrational fear. When a person has a phobia it is something they cannot control and it can be something that challenges a person in their everyday life.

- Seriously? There’s a Phobia for That?
- Euphobia- Fear of hearing good news.
 - Epistemophobia- Fear of knowledge.
 - Francophobia- Fear of France or French culture
 - Geliophobia- Fear of laughter.
 - Ideophobia- Fear of ideas.
 - Kathisophobia- Fear of sitting down.
 - Levophobia- Fear of things to the left side of the body.
 - Nomatophobia- Fear of names.
 - Omphalophobia- Fear of belly buttons.
 - Paraskavedekatriaphobia- Fear of Friday the 13th.
 - Pteronophobia- Fear of being tickled by feathers.
 - Zemmiphobia- Fear of the great mole rat.

For more look at s: <http://www.phobialist.com/>

go on until they feel comfortable and eventually their fear is overcome. Also using imagery is a very effective way for someone to become more comfortable with their fear.

Dr. Saxe, the school psychologist explains about an experience he had with a woman who had agoraphobia (fear of the outdoors/open spaces). She forced herself to drive to a mountain top where she would obviously be exposed to the outdoors. She experienced a lot of anxiety

“Oh yeah, he screams like a little girl.” Jamie Wilkinson says about his friend Tommy McDonnell’s fear of mice. His fear is more than just a strong disliking. He is in fact “deathly afraid” of mice. There was no childhood experience that caused this intense phobia it does in fact run in the family. Ever since Tommy was little his mom was always afraid of mice. “Anytime there was a mouse we would always get on tables.” He explains. His fear has not gone away; even now as a senior in high school it still haunts him. “One time one of my friends convinced me that there was a mouse in their glove compartment of their car that I was in. I freaked out.”

For those of you who have a fear of spiders or snakes; this is a common fear because it is actually in our genes and instincts to have this fear. This dates all the way back to cavemen. They were known to be afraid of all the spiders and snakes as a survival technique. This has carried on into today seeing how arachnophobia is the most common phobia among people now.

Prerana Nanda is a senior at Oyster River High School who has a phobia of those creep crawlly spiders. “I never really liked bugs and I remember always being especially terrified of spiders and scorpions.” Along with disliking these spiders, Prerana can have panic attacks while just talking about the subject or seeing a drawing on a white board. This is the difference between a strong disliking and a true phobia.

There are different reasons that phobias develop. A common way is that if a person had a troubling childhood experience with this certain object of fear. For Prerana, she remembered one specific time that may have started this phobia.

“The summer after maybe fourth or fifth grade I was sitting on this big rock in the cul de sac in front of my house talking with a friend. All of a sudden my friend screamed at the same time that I felt a tickle on my leg and I looked down to see a (relatively) huge spider crawling up and down my bare leg (I was wearing shorts).

For some people there is not a certain experience that started their phobia. Senior, Victoria Hanson, also has a phobia of spiders that she feels is uncontrollable. “I can’t focus on anything else if I know there is one in the same room.” But for Victoria there was not a childhood experience. “I just hate the way they move.” She says.

Getting over a serious phobia can take years; some people may not ever get over them. There are different tactics in order for people to get over these fears. For people with arachnophobia, (fear of spiders) one type of therapy would be to train the person to become comfortable with a spider. They could place a spider 10 feet away from a person and gradually move it closer to the subject. This would

with this situation in a few hours she was over the phobia once she realized there was nothing wrong.

There are many people in our own school who would say that they have phobias. Some examples would be junior Gen Davidson has a fear of needles. In her case there was a childhood experience that started this phobia. “When I was 6 or 7 they had to take blood, and they missed my vein and hit my muscle. It hurt so bad.” After that

Top Ten Most Common Phobias

1. Arachnophobia: Fear of Spiders

2. Social Phobia: Fear for Social Situation

3. Aerophobia: Fear of Flying

4. Agoraphobia: Fear of being in a place where a person feels they mentally cannot escape

5. Claustrophobia: Fear of tight places

6. Acrophobia: Fear of Heights

7. Emetophobia: Fear of Vomit

8. Carcinophobia: Fear of Cancer

9. Brontophobia: Fear of Thunderstorms

10. Necrophobia: Fear of Dying or Dead People

From <http://www.phobia-fear-release.com/top-ten-phobias.html>

“I don’t go in elevators.” He says. He clearly tries to avoid small spaces as much as he can in order to not feel the pressure and fear of claustrophobia.

Phobias are very serious and can be harmful even if they seem ridiculous. There are people who go to great lengths to try and get over their phobias. It can take years and for some people they might make very little progress over a great deal of time. It depends on the level of the phobia, and the person’s ability to change and trust themselves. I encourage everyone interviewed to try and face your fears and see how you can change your life. Good luck and stay positive!

Check Out “Pickle Girl”

For those of you who feel your phobia is horrible and hard to control, be thankful you are not deathly afraid of pickles. Yes, it’s crazy and she knows it’s crazy but she can’t control her feelings towards pickles. She appeared on the Maury Show in 2006 where the host of the show sent her on a trip to the pickle factory to see how she would react. This was cruel and also very interesting to see that she completely freaked out. She was crying and having trouble breathing and just really wanted to be out of there. To see this video go to this website. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hn_BjXzLY1k. You can also just type in “Pickle girl” on “Youtube.” Notice her behavior even when talking about pickles. She also is unable to look at a picture of one. This is a very severe and harsh phobia.



Tommy McDonnell will not be found standing on the same ground as a mouse.

experience Gen starting fainting when she needs a shot. Now it has modified to crying with a shot.

Needles, mice and spiders are common phobias to have but one that not many people would think of is a fear of vomit. Yes we all hate it but Ashley Dupont, a senior at Oyster River does in fact have a fear of vomit. This phobia is called Etemophobia and is number 7 on the top ten most common phobias. The experience that Ashley had with vomit was that she has seen someone throw up over 20 times and had to stay with them the whole time. As you can imagine, this would be a pretty scaring experience. “I can’t even handle talking about it.” And if you know Ashley you know not to talk about throwing up in front of her, just as a precaution for all of you.

Everyone knows Mrs. Healy as the cool Economics teacher but not many people know that she does in fact have a fear of bridges/heights. This is called acrophobia and is number 6 on the top ten phobias. “It freaks me out because I don’t have any control.” She says. When she is driving over a bridge, she starts having breathing issues and anxiety but it’s something that she has to face in order to get where she needs to go.

The fifth most common phobia is claustrophobia. This is a fear of tight spaces. Junior Landon Curtis has this fear. Anxiety is a common symptom for this fear which Landon tends to have when he is in a small space.



Victoria Hanson expressing her feelings towards spiders.



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Hannah Allen
Op-Ed Writer

A Farewell to the Seniors: A Letter From the Editor

We made it! We are finally done with our four years of high school. It’s hard to believe that in just a couple days we will be walking across stage turning our tassels. It is amazing that 12 years ago we were in first grade, not knowing what we had in store for our futures. Now we are young adults who are ready to face the world.

Although we are all eager to get out of this place, it’s hard to imagine life without it. Senior Molly Moynihan knows there will be things she is going to miss about high school, “I’ll miss just being able to hang out with people, and I know it’s going to be hard to stay in contact with everyone I’m friends with now.”

Everyone is going their separate ways and leaving this 12 year journey together behind. Some of us will forget about memories and inside jokes, but there is no doubt that our five year reunion will be filled with lots of laughs about our adolescent years.

For Senior Laura Dow, graduating high school is bittersweet, “I’ve known some of these people since before kindergarten and I’m not going to see them for months at a time and maybe never again for some.” While Dow travels to Florida for next fall, she will rely on social networking sites like Facebook to keep in touch with friends. Skype, a webcam software will be what Dow uses the most to keep in touch with close friends, “I skype a lot already with friends I see almost every day, so I will hopefully be using it a lot more often to catch up with people.”

Senior Anna Lesniak is excited about graduating high school and being done with all the work, but is worried about what will happen in her future. “It’s scary cause I don’t know exactly what I want to do yet,” Lesniak says. She won’t miss the drama that comes with being a high school but she is sure to miss the people she has met throughout the last few years of her life.

Filling out my senior will and destination, it finally really hit me that in just a few days high school will be in my past, and college will be my future. As I hurry to finish up scholarship applications, sign up for freshmen orientation and find a roommate, I’m filled with all these different emotions. As excited as I am to be done with high school, I am scared to leave my friends. Oyster River has been my home since I was a little kid, and pretty soon it won’t be home anymore.



Timmy Short
Op-Ed Writer

Bidding Childhood Goodbye Remembering High School

After almost 13 years of public schooling, most seniors are undoubtedly and understandably ready to move on. It’s time to see new places, meet new people and try new things. However, there are certainly many high school experiences that will be greatly missed.

“I’m going to miss all the free time that we have,” says senior Zach Wasserman. “Next year things are going to get a lot more difficult and we are going to have to buckle down more.”

Emily Reny, another ORHS senior has things she’ll miss as well. “It’s kind of nice to be in a small school where you know everyone that you see in the halls whereas most colleges are bigger and there isn’t that same familiarity. I’ll definitely miss that aspect of high school.”

“Next year I’ll probably miss being part of a team,” says Craig Goddard. “In college pretty much no one plays more than one sport over the year so I won’t get that same feeling of being on a team that I got in high school.”

For others, their memories of home will be slightly more personal. “I’m going to miss certain teachers,” says Michael Graham. “Particularly Mr. Lawrence. I definitely won’t forget all of his hilarious shenanigans anytime soon.”

“I’m just going to miss all the people,” says senior Robert Sack. “A lot of these faces we may not ever see again. I’ll definitely miss all of my friends and the good times that we have had just messing around, but it will also be weird not seeing all of those acquaintances that we never really got to know that well.” For Sack, there’s also plenty of uncertainty left on the road ahead. “I’ve never been so far from home before (Robert is headed to Syracuse, NY). I’m excited to be on my own but at the same time we aren’t going to have the support group that our parents have provided for such a long time.”

Either way, whatever lies ahead for the Class of 2010, no one will ever forget their time here in Durham. “There’s just something about your hometown,” says Reny. “It’s hard to explain, but I can’t imagine coming back here someday and not technically being a resident. I mean, yeah we might move around and live in lots of different places but that will still never change the fact that this is where we grew up-that it’s home.”

Overheards

- “I’m just gonna take the pants off the boy.” – Ms. Horsley.
- “I’d synthesize a bijon” – Emily Rodgers
- “He pays me in bagels and gold” – Cassie Broughton
- “They have videos of us trying to mount them” – Caitlin Olson
- “There’s nothing like an ice cold baby” - Cassie Broughton
- “Now it’s ready to get pounded again” - Tim Lawrence
- “Please stop wiggling my axis” – Brendan Whalen
- “I’m gonna hit you with my axis”- Brendan Whalen
- “Was it erotic nudity?” Monsieur Lord
- “I smelled like maple syrup the other day” Daniela Rossi
- “Tommy and I sleep in the same bed all the time...We wear boxers!” - Big Steve
- “It’s like carrying two pregnancies on your chest!”- Mrs. Freeman-Caple
- “Honestly what’s he going to do? Grow hair all over me?” Geoff Lee
- “Yeah Carol, I peed on your pictures...that’s urine.” – Zach Westrasmus





Hannah Allen
Op-Ed Writer

The Most Magical Place on Earth

Disney is truly the *Most Magical Place on Earth*. I have been to Disney more times than I can count on my hands, and I have yet to be bored with it. There are always new attractions being added to the parks, new resorts being built and new things that my family has yet to discover. People often ask me why as age 17 I still go to Disney for family vacations, my response is something along the lines of, “Because it’s awesome and I love it. Plus my 26 year old sister is usually more excited about it than I am, so don’t give me crap!” Some of my best childhood memories are from vacations to Disney, and maybe that’s why I have such a love for the place. When I used to be scared to ride Goofy’s Rollercoaster, my mom would remind me that, “Mickey would never do anything to hurt me.” Disney can get to be a pretty busy place, especially during school vacations, but somehow through all the chaos I am still so relaxed and at ease.

I believe that Disney will always be my most favorite vacation place and I cannot wait until I am able to bring my own family there. Of course there are other places I want to visit, cruises I want to go on and adventures I want to take, but Disney will always be the place that means the most to me. No matter what you tell me, I will always love Walt Disney World.



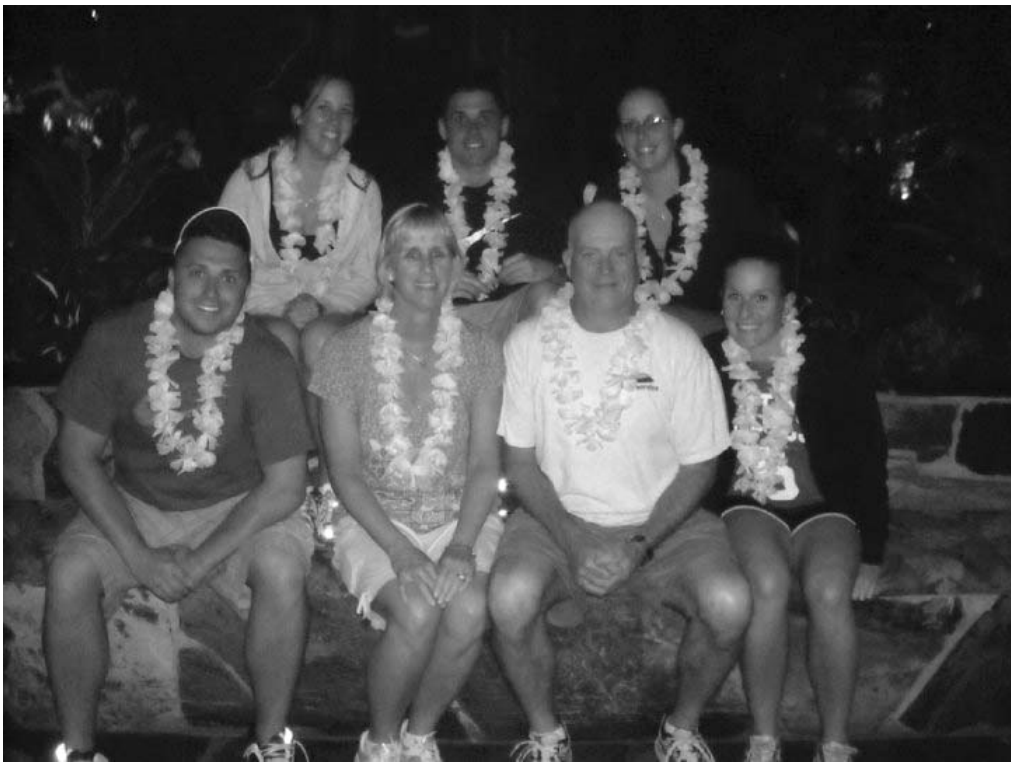
I tried out for American Idol! No not really, but I got a picture in front of the American Idol sign. There is a newish attraction at Epcot where people can actually try out to perform in front of hundreds of people. They have to go through an audition and get the slip of paper to walk around with telling all the park goers to vote for them at the show. Although I didn’t get to actually see the show, I did see multiple people walking around with their “yellow ticket”.



Epcot allows you to visit dozens of countries in a matter of hours! Only recently have I discovered how cool all the countries at Epcot are, there are shops, restaurants and shows that go with many different countries around the world. This year we ate at a Japanese Steakhouse that was absolutely amazing. It was sort of like Hibachi in the sense that they cooked the food right in front of us, but it was much more authentic. The service in Disney is always great, and even though we were “in Japan” and didn’t speak their language, the service was still tremendous!



What girl doesn’t want to have dinner with Prince Charming? The Grand Floridian offers Cinderella’s Happily Ever After Dinner, this is a huge buffet that all of the Cinderella characters attend. They all come around to the tables, and the stepsisters and mom always give people a hard time about things. Drizella asked me if I was the maid, and told me that the food on my plate wasn’t anything she wanted and I needed to go back to the buffet and try again. The Grand Floridian is a Victorian-style Disney Delux Resort, distinguished as the flagship hotel of Walt Disney World.



The Polynesian is a fantastic Hawaiian themed hotel that sets the mood for a relaxing stay in Disney. Although we did not stay at the Polynesian we ate there on our last night, it was the dinner we all enjoyed most. The Ohana dinner was a delicious family style dinner; we basically didn’t go a minute without being served food. The servers work together so there is someone always filling your drink or bringing skewers that were cooked over an expansive 18 foot oak fire pit. Since we were there at 10 pm we got the pleasure of enjoying the Magic Kingdom fireworks. We were fortunate enough to get a perfect view of Cinderella’s Castle; they even had the music playing that went along with the fireworks show!



Tower of Terror has got to be one of my favorite rides in all of Disney. I think it's the anticipation of the drop that gets my adrenaline pumping the most. During the wait you walk through the Hollywood Tower Hotel and enter the library that brings you upstairs. A movie clip plays about the legend of the hotel-In 1939, during a gloomy Halloween night, 5 unlucky souls were riding down the Hotel's maintenance service elevator when a violent storm struck the building... and they were never seen again. When you exit the library you are standing inside the boiler room waiting for the maintenance elevator to be ready.



Animal Kingdom has always been a really exciting park to go to. This year we went on Rafiki's Adventure and here I got to sit next to this cool owl! My mom is terrified of birds, she hates when the flap their wings, but I convinced her to take a picture with me. Expedition Everest is my favorite part of Animal Kingdom. This year I got to go on it three times in a row without having to wait in line at all! It was fantastic!

Other Must-Do Things in Disney

1. Ride Splash Mountain: Plummet over the mountain and then drop 52.5 feet into the refreshing pond.
2. Go on Soarin': Be lifted 40 feet in the air with an IMAX projection dome that wraps 180 degrees around you.
3. Visit Chef Mickey's Buffet: Eat breakfast or dinner with Mickey, Minnie & friends.
4. Take a trip around the parks and resorts on the monorail without getting off.
5. Go to Downtown Disney and visit all the awesome shops. Make sure you leave plenty of time for this, it takes awhile to make it through all the shops!
6. Ride Rock 'n' Roller Coaster: You go from 0-60mph in 2.8 seconds!
7. Take a picture with Mickey Mouse. You can't go to Disney and not get a picture with Mickey, it should be against the law!
8. Visit a water park. Both Typhoon Lagoon and Blizzard Beach are amazing water parks with great rides. Be sure to apply sun screen!



When you think of Disney World, most people think of Cinderella's Castle. The Castle stands nearly 190 feet tall and is located at the end of "small-town America".At night before the evening fireworks begin at Magic Kingdom, Tinker Bell can be seen flying from the top window of the castle into the sky. There is a rope that a person actually hangs from! It is a beautiful sight both during the day and at night. Inside families can be invited to eat at Cinderella's Royal Table.



Test Track is a ride that brings you through various tests that cars have to go through in order to pass inspections before they are put on the market. The last test the car does is a speed and turning test, the car gets up to 60 miles per hour and takes a 50 degree banked curves. When off the ride, party goers can walk around and look at General Motors latest vehicles.



How to Get in Touch with Your Inner-Country



Ben Belanger
News Writer

“Country sucks!”

To say the least, ORHS Sophomore Mikal Caldon isn’t a fan of country music. Caldon made himself very clear, shouting his negative feelings more than once across the field.

I’ll be the first to tell you that until this year, I was with Mikal - I hated country music. It’s understandable, I mean if you turn on 97.5 it’s kind of like you’ve entered a whole new world full

of obnoxious southern accents and songs about dogs and cheating wives. But once you weed through the garbage, country will impress you.

With summer fast approaching and warm, sunny days on the way, good music is going to be a necessity.

I’ve taken the liberty to compile a soundtrack to your summer – a “Country’s Greatest Hits” according to the students of ORHS.



“You Look Good in My Shirt” by Keith Urban

Lauren Coryea



“Anything by LeAnn Rimes”

Mr. Lord



“She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy” by Kenny Chesney

Becca Hoff



“Crazy Dreams” by Carrie Underwood

Ned Clarke



“All Summer Long” by Kid Rock

Johnny O’Brien



“You Belong with Me” by Taylor Swift

Ashley Benuck



“A Boy Named Sue” by Johnny Cash

Jaime Cummings



“Friends in Low Places” by Garth Brooks

Ms. McPhee



“Smalltown USA” by Justin Moore

Hannah Allen



“Not Ready to Make Nice” by Dixie Chicks

Mrs. Rogers

“I Play Chicken with the Train” by Cowboy Troy

Josh Park



“On the Road Again” by Willie Nelson

Mrs. Kucera



“Beer on the Table” by Josh Thompson

Richie McCarville

“Riding the Fences” by Chris LeDoux

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BEN’S TOP TEN

1. “Summertime” by Kenny Chesney
2. “Toes” by Zac Brown Band
3. “Chatahouchee” by Alan Jackson
4. “Nothing On but the Radio” by Gary Allan
5. “Free and Easy” by Dierks Bentley
6. “No Shoes, No Shirt, No Problem” by Kenny Chesney
7. “Roll with Me” by Montgomery Gentry
8. “Red Ragtop” by Tim McGraw
9. “Free and Easy” by Dierks Bentley
10. “Somebody Like You” by Keith Urban

BRIDGET’S TOP TEN

1. “Chicken Fried” by Zac Brown Band
2. “Beer for My Horses” by Toby Keith and Willie Nelson
3. “Your Man” by Josh Turner
4. “Red Light” by David Nail
5. “I’m Alive” by Kenny Chesney feat. Dave Matthews
6. “Wasted” by Carrie Underwood
7. “We Weren’t Crazy” by Josh Gracin
8. “Chicks Dig It” by Chris Cagle
9. “Something Like That” by Tim McGraw
10. “Sideways” by Dierks Bentley

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Donovan Kelley
Op - Ed Writer

As I walked out of the gym doors of the High School I saw a tall, lanky, blonde boy walking towards Bagdad Road. His golden ear length hair swept across his face and out of his eyes. Wearing his camouflage shorts and jet black NOFX shirt he turned and made eye contact with me. He casually lifted his left arm and saluted to me with two fingers upon his brow. In the faint distance I heard him say something along the lines of “See ya later,” but too much time has now passed to be sure of what he really said. The salute was supposed to somewhat goofy but still a sincere goodbye. He raised his eyebrows in a relaxed manor, and kept walking. I gave him a wave, and then looked down at my new pair of Nike shoes. That was Oliver Slezak’s final goodbye to me, and the last time I ever saw him as he really was. If I were to know that would have been my last form of real communication with him, I would have given something better than a wave. I would have let Oliver know that he was my best friend, and I could never thank him enough for what he had taught me. All of that was known though – just unspoken. So a simple wave and a casual afternoon smile after a stressful day of school isn’t so horrible.

Many of you may be wondering who Oliver was and why I am writing about him. Oliver passed away at the end of my freshman year. He and several friends were skateboarding on Coe Drive when a bus struck him. Although he was not killed on impact, he was never the same. The accident occurred on May 26, 2007, Oliver passed away on May 30, 2007. Those days are a blur to me of sadness and confusion. It was a time in my life I will most likely never truly remember and for good reason. Your mind can do funny things in a state of utter disorder and sorrow. I once heard the pain of losing someone close described as losing a leg; for a while it is unbearable but after a long while you get used to it – even though it will never be the same.

Most people that knew Oliver knew him for being extremely clever and intelligent. I once heard my Father say that Oliver could do anything he wanted in life. No one could ever put it better than that; he was a truly brilliant person. Oliver touched my life in many ways that no teacher, coach or other role model could do in any other way. It sounds all too cliché to say this but Oliver really taught me how important it is to be yourself. Anyone can conform to being like the stereotypes you see on television. It takes a person with a lot of pride to act the way they want or dress the way they want. It’s too easy just to sit back and act the way society tells us to be, and dress the way everyone else does. I never got the chance to thank him for that, although I am sure that he would have been very modest if I even dared to.

When I think back on the 18 years of my life thus far, some of the best times I have ever had were with Oliver Slezak , Johnny O’ Brien, Brendan Kotlus, Dimitry Harris and KC Bornkessel – along with many, many more. He brought out a daring quality in everyone. You had to be yourself around him, he was smart enough even at age eleven or twelve to pick out phonies. I can remember sneaking out of his house with him and going to hang out in the high school fields late at night. I was shocked to find out a week later that he and Brendan were caught by the police for being out after curfew. Oliver being the devious man he was attempted to give the police officers a fake address, but his plan was foiled when he gave a false street name. Once we couldn’t do that anymore, Oliver would find something just as daring and entertaining for us to do. Although Oliver was brilliant with his ideas, we weren’t always the biggest daredevils on earth. We did our fair share of adventurous things, but no one could hold a candle to Brendan or KC back in the day. Oliver, Johnny and I would watch in amazement as Brendan went ‘skeleton’ down large hills on his longboard, or as KC climbed an enormous tree with ease. Like I said, Oliver could always think of things to do, but a lot of the times these guys were the ones to act.



Oliver’s closest friends

My Friend Oliver Slezak

In seventh grade Brendan got all of us into longboarding; for those of you that don’t know what it is, it’s like skateboarding – just longer. Pretty self explanatory right? Well Brendan had a two Sector 9 Pintails that he and his brother would skate



Oliver being himself at the Middle School Semi-Formal

around on. Dimitry also had a board, the classic Sector 9 Goddess of Speed. I remember most of the guys being able to longboard around on those with ease as Oliver and I watched, with great jealousy. It wouldn’t be until freshman year that we would each get longboards, in the month of April – nearly two months before Oliver passed away. Until

then we would occasionally try and ride, but mostly get on our bikes while the other daredevils bombed hills like mad men, carefree – in the best way possible.

It wasn’t really until the summer going into eighth grade that Oliver and I became best friends. Nearly every day we would go to the pool together; or go downtown together. Oliver introduced me to a lot of fascinating things, our personal favorite was fire. Some of you may have seen videos of Oliver lighting his legs on fire or even his body on fire; well to be completely honest that describes a lot of our activities from seventh grade on. I can honestly say that might be how all of us became so close. We did the things that other seventh and eighth graders didn’t do. Sure we got heat for it from our parents, and other parents wouldn’t let us hang out with their kids; but we didn’t care. We were able to do the things we wanted with each other. Johnny, Kc, Brendan, Didi, Oliver and occasionally Nate Drogseth and I would get together and be wild; rebels without a cause. We weren’t pyromaniacs; just a little nuts.

Now don’t get me wrong, our only activities weren’t just lighting things on fire. Although that was an occasional hobby we had, we did go to the movies or the mall and of course biked basically everywhere. Oliver introduced me to some great flicks and great directors. He showed me the brilliance of Quentin Tarantino and the all incredible Boondock Saints. At times it truly amazed me how much we had in common. I remember like it was yesterday, Oliver and I were in the Durham Pool working out with the ladies in the water. They thought we were hilarious and crazy kids; they thought we were brothers. It spent us a good amount of time to convince them that no, we were not brothers – just great friends. I can remember growing my hair out long because that’s what my friends did. We would all parade around Durham letting our freak flags fly on longboard, bike or even scooter.

Ninth grade was a great time for me, but it’s also very hard to think about. That was the last year that we were all together. Oliver was in higher classes than me naturally, because he was always much smarter than me. One of the only classes we had together was Gym, and most of us were in that one class. The only other class I had with him was World Cultures with Mrs. Salazar. Some of my fondest memories were with Oliver and Isaiah pretending to be Spartans or even bulldogs. No one could make Isaiah laugh like Oliver, it was too easy for him. In Mrs. Salazar’s class



Oliver’s original mural

we would always be separated for being too wild and making each other laugh. At a commemoration for Oliver, Mrs. Salazar talked about how she had never seen such close boys interact with each other. That’s how I remember her class and spending time with him in general. No authoritative figure could keep us in control, we just acted like ourselves. Whether it was changing our names in Spanish class to Senor Beavis and Senor Sanchez or terrorizing stuck up individuals in downtown Durham.

It’s hard to think that the friendship we all shared with Oliver will never be replaced again. I like to keep an open mind but to say that Oliver was one in a million would be an understatement. I can honestly say I will never find someone as awesome as Oliver Slezak. I’m sure my friends would say the same. It brings a smile to my face when I see the little tendencies or phrases passed on from Oliver. I can’t describe the feeling of remembering a joke Oliver and I created that hasn’t been told since freshman year or even before. As I travel on through life I feel the need to always keep two things in mind. The first is to always be myself and teach other people the importance of being your true self. The other is to pass of the legacy of Oliver Slezak. The most intelligent badass I have ever met.



Timmy Short
Op-Ed Writer

Letter from the Editor: Teenage Wisdom

For some reason, adults seem to think that all 18-year-olds are foolish. Well, there is a difference between *being* foolish and doing foolish things. As a matter of fact, in my opinion I think adults have forgotten that foolish things are half of what make life interesting. You know what they say; ‘rules are meant to be broken’. So this article is for those adults who are shaking their heads sagely thinking what a *fool* I am for writing this article, and also for the students in the hope that they may never forget what it was like to be young.

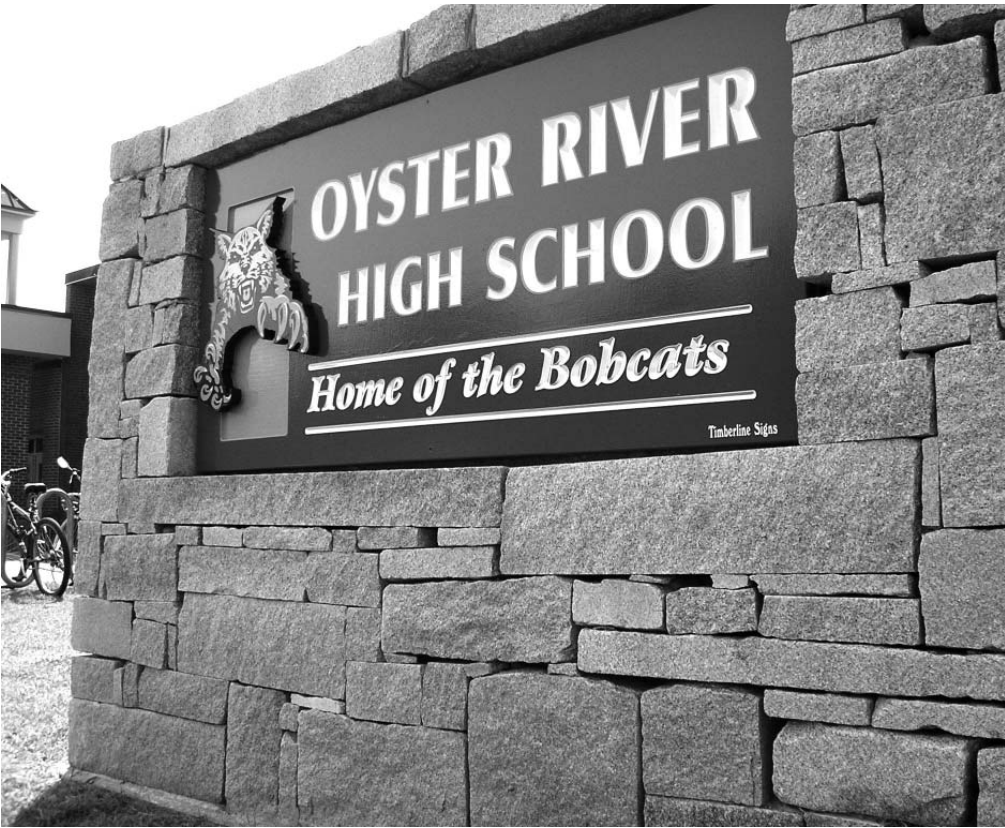
Do Something Crazy—Does it ever get old having to be the disciplinarian? Do you ever secretly wish you could do something as spontaneous—and, yes, maybe as stupid—as the very thing you have to punish your kid for? Like jumping over the boards into Jackson’s Landing at midnight to skate in the dark? Or sneaking onto the roof of a UNH dorm to watch the sunset? Or even just playing hooky and going on a picnic?....Not that I’ve done any of these things...But seriously, maybe it just happens in Hollywood, but if a cop were to catch a fifty-year-old couple trespassing in a pool at night, I’d be willing to bet he’d just laugh and you’d get off with a slap on the wrist. There’s a reason we teenagers push boundaries—it’s liberating. Live on the edge, if only for a moment.

Be A Kid—Some of the things I miss most about childhood are the Saturday morning cartoons, the footie pajamas, and the make-believe. I found myself wishing I could do all those things over, and then I realized: why not? Just last week I built a fort in the woods simply for the joy of creating something, and why shouldn’t I be able to do the same 30 years from now? Am I going to forget how to climb trees as I age? Will I suddenly be absolutely terrified by acting ridiculously? If there’s one thing that has been drilled into my head as a kid, by every adult, it’s that I shouldn’t worry about what others think about me. And yet here we are on the threshold of the “real world”, ready to melt into a society that expects conformity, at least in behavior. So wear your quirky tie already.

Make Mistakes—I hear this from adults all the time but the problem is they don’t really believe it. Our parents and our teachers are always telling us to “just go for it” and “not to shy away from screwing up” and to “embrace disappointment” and yet it seems as though they themselves don’t even take risks that could lead to any sort of let-down. We live in a world that is deeply afraid of failure. It’s natural, of course, but is it necessary? What’s wrong with trying? In 20 years you will regret the things you didn’t do far more than the things you did. I know there are many things preventing people from dropping everything and pursuing their passions, particularly family and money. However, I believe there should be a balance. There needs to be some time set aside for you to fulfill yourself.

Try These Things—Fly kites in a thunder storm (the kind with two separate strings); Race barefoot on the beach (in the semi-wet sand); Go camping in the middle of the woods and dig your own fire pit; Build a fort out of fallen trees; Stargaze during the winter (wear snow pants of course); Start a vegetable garden and produce something edible; Take a drive on a sunny morning, Play a game of Monopoly on a rainy Sunday (and actually finish); Spin until you are dizzy and then try sprinting (expect to fall); Go cliff jumping (make sure the water is deep enough); Breathe.

Perhaps it would help to cut this article out. That way 20 years from now, if you’re feeling a bit claustrophobic in your cubicle at your 9-to-5 middle-management job you can pull out this dog-eared scrap of newspaper and reminisce about the days when you felt alive. Maybe you’ll be reminded of your 18-year-old recklessness and rebellion and invincibility. Maybe you’ll remember how wise you were when you were just a senior in high school, how much you knew and taught and understood. Maybe you’ll stand up from your wobbly rolling chair, walk into your jerk boss’s office and quit the job you’ve hated for ten years. Maybe when you step outside and wonder what the hell to do next, you’ll feel eighteen again. Maybe you’ll feel free.



Donkeyball 2010

They Came, They Played, They Pooped...



Josh Park
Sports Writer

Donkeyball was a huge success this year with 1000 dollars towards the ORHS scholarship fund. Mrs. Wotton took over when Mrs. Schaeffer had to leave for medical reasons. The show still went on with the donkeys provided by Green Mountain Donkeys. This program is a family owned business where the donkeys are treated with the best of care, bathing the donkeys before and after every game and keeping them well groomed. The donkeys were also specially trained to buck off some players and to be slow and stubborn to others.

There were four teams: a team with staff from Moharimet and Mast way, Middle school staff, high school staff, and high school students. There were also free donkey rides for children during the half time show.

How were donkeys allowed in the gym you may ask? Well this was a fun and helpful event to raise money for an important cause. The donkeys were wearing little rubber booties that prevented their hooves from scratching the gym floor but that didn't stop them from having a few accidents here and there.

In the end every player had a great time and no one was harmed. Only a few bruises to some of the players who all say they could go for another round.



Rory M-A trying desperately to mount her donkey as it struggles to get away



Principal Rogers with her new friend



Senior Jack Nadeau walking his trusty steed into the gym



Donkeyball referee giving ball back to player John Spinny as he struggles to shoot successfully



Take A Hike! Seriously.....

Laura Rogers
“One time my boyfriend at the time and I hiked Mt. Rogers in Virginia and we decided to drop the car off at one end and start at the other. So we started hiking at two different times and my boyfriend was going to bike back to the start and catch up to me. He told me there was a shelter a little bit up the mountain where I could wait for him. So I was hiking and it was starting to get dark and there was still no shelter. Eventually it got so dark I couldn’t see anything thing, so I started to scream and wave my light until I eventually saw my boyfriends light, it was the biggest relief ever. We camped out at where he found me and made food but left it out. In the middle of the night we heard a rustling and thought it was a bear so we peaked out. It turned out it was a dog and we let it sleep with us the rest of the night. It followed us all the way down the rest of the mountain and it turned out that the shelter I had been looking for was on the other side.”

Some hikes done by Mrs. Rogers:
Canoed Allagash, Mt Washington (multiple times), Mount Kearsarge, Mount Cardigan, Mount Monroe, Frankenstein Cliffs, Dry River Trail,

For this issue’s feature sport I decided to go big and go outside and enjoy what New Hampshire has to offer; mountains. I hiked Mount Major over April vacation and loved it. I’ve hiked it before but forgot how much fun it really is to just get outside and enjoy nature. Mount Major is a moderate hike, it’s short but it’s steep in some parts and I would personally say it’s well worth the trip. The mountain is only about an hour away (not even) and it opens the door to so many other outdoor activities.

Hiking and being outside general has so many benefits, for one it improves your mood. Some may find it hard to get through the winter slump without feeling like they’re going insane, this mountain is open all year long. Why not go on a hike during the winter? Yea it’s colder but it’s better than sitting doing nothing!

Other benefits of getting outside are that it can improve your focus and memory, improve stamina, cognitive abilities and is just an exercise in itself. Even researchers believe that going outside could have broader impact on helping people who may be suffering from mental fatigue.

At the University of Michigan psychology researchers Marc Berman, John Jonides and Stephen Kaplan found memory performance and attention spans improved by 20 percent after people spent an hour interacting with nature.

So many things dealing with the outdoors ties into human psychology which brings us back to basics and you don’t even need to like to hike to benefit. Interacting with nature can have similar effects as meditation because it gives us the opportunity to explore and think outside of how we normally do.

Many researchers even suggest that teachers in schools take their students outside multiple times a month with productive activities because it will help them learn better and it will help them break out of the mold of everyday life.

Going outside can give you a whole new perspective on a hard situation or problem that you’re dealing with. Everything we do is connected back to the basics of nature and the outdoors so get outside! And enjoy what the world has to offer.



The very bignning of the hike up Mt. Major in

Top Hikes:				
Name	Distance (miles)	Difficulty	Elevation (feet)	Extras
Mt. Chocorua	8.7	Moderate	3,375	Waterfall
The Kinsmans	9.9	Difficult	3,573	Waterfall
Mt. Major	4.2	Moderate	1,100	Views of Lake Winnepesaukee
Hale - Zealand	7.8	Easy	1,770	Loop
Mount Lafayette	1.1 -8.9	Moderate	5,260	Views
Mt. Flume & Mt. Liberty	8.5	Difficult	4,181	Views



Above: The Summit of Mt. Major Below: A crystal clear brook on the way up the mountain



Pictured Above: The yellow trail of Mt. Major



Seniors Playing Sports After High School



As senior year is coming to an end so are the sports careers of many individuals. However for a few select people they are taking their sport to the next level: post-graduate, club and college are some of the future destinations for these athletes.



Danny Duvall
Sport: Swimming
School: University of Maine in Orono

I'm going to University of Maine in Orono (into Explorations), also to swim D1. I didn't receive alot of money from them, but this can be a good thing because now there are no strings attached with my enrollment (Once you receive a decent amount of money to play a sport you aren't allowed to quit the team and remain at the school). My current times are right up there with the times of the top swimmers on their team so I think I'll fit in just fine and hopefully improve dramatically.

I worked hard to get where I am with swimming today, mainly during my younger years where I swam practically every day for a good amount of time. I suppose I have to give my parents alot of credit for keeping me with swimming, and now I really enjoy it. Not only do I enjoy it for the intense competition, but I consider the exercise to be crucial... say what you'd like, but I believe swimming is one of the best sports for improving physical condition. Where other sport's matches/games can be easily controlled by something like ball handling/stick skill, swimming has a much greater demand for athleticism, etc...



Ryan Randall
Sport: Hockey
Club: New Hampshire Manchester Monarchs Juniors Team

Randall is taking a year to play for the New Hampshire Manchester Monarchs Juniors Team. Although this is not college it may as well be college level hockey the Monarchs have sent 80 kids to division 1 schools in the past eight years. Randall's journey to play college hockey all started with him figure skating. "I started as a figure skater then one time after practice we saw a hockey game and my brother and I said "I wanna do that" so i played for the Seacoast Spartans all through elementary and middle school. In high school freshman year I played both Spartans and high school, sophomore year i played for the Jr B Monarchs, junior year I played Jr B Monarchs and high school and this year strictly Monarch A's." Randall's top choice is to play for UNH but it may take 1-2 years until that is possible. In the meantime he looks to take some classes and train hard with the Monarchs.



Donovan Kelley
Sport: Lacrosse
School: Salve Regina

Kelley is a two time all-state first team selection. Although he received a season ending injury his lacrosse career is not over. Kelley had a lot of interest from several division III schools. "I was looking at Lasell, Roger Williams, Endicott, and Umass Dartmouth,"said Kelley. Salve Regina University is a private university in Newport, Rhode Island. Kelley's older brother Blair Kelley is currently a junior lacrosse player at Salve Regina and he looks forward to playing with him at the college level. Salve Regina competes in the Commonwealth Coast Conference and had nine wins and eight losses.



Michelle Hobbs
Sport: Volleyball
School: Wentworth Institute of Technology

I started playing volleyball in sixth grade at St. Marys and I had never played before that. I just decided one day I wanted to try out, and I made the team. I've been playing during the fall ever since. I have done club teams too in seventh grade and eight grade as well as tenth grade I played for seacoast volleyball club. During eleventh and twelfth grade I played for great bay volleyball club. For college I applied to wentworth and discussed with the atheltic director of the volleyball team. Since they are division 3 they can't recruit, but he said if I chose to attend Wentworth I would have a spot on the team. I had some other coaches talk to me but Wentworth was where I wanted to go to academically as well so it was an easy choice. Freshman year: Rookie of the year. Sophomore year: Most improved player and captain of my club team. Junior year: NHIAA sportsmanship award and captain of my club volleyball team. Senior year: All state award second team captain of the high school team. Fosters Daily Democrat Dream Team. Senior all star game player. Captain of club team.



Athletes of the Month



Gabby Brodeur
Sports Writer



Though Mackenzie Leander only started playing tennis last year, she worked hard and practiced a lot, and successfully made it into the top 7 tennis players. Mackenzie is Athlete of the Month for April!

Sports hero?
I guess I should say a tennis player, “Serena Williams” –Bugs

Favorite sports memory?
Making s’mores with the whole team



Least favorite sports memory?
Crashing into two carts filled with tennis balls while running backwards...during try-outs...

Biggest goal for the season?
Try to get bumped up in the line up!

Pre game rituals?
No pre-game rituals, but I wear a silly head sweatband every match, works like a charm.

Gatorade or Powerade?
Gatorade!



Bekah Schuman should have been a 12 season athlete, but instead took this fall off to work on college stuff. Bekah is a lacrosse veteran by now, and has been playing for a long time. Bekah is the Athlete of the Month for May.



Sports hero?
My sister. She has more dedication and ambition than anyone I know and is a beast at running in D1 at college.

Favorite Sports memory?
Winning the state championship in basketball last year

Least favorite sports memory?
When people get injured, and this past basketball season several girls got concussions.

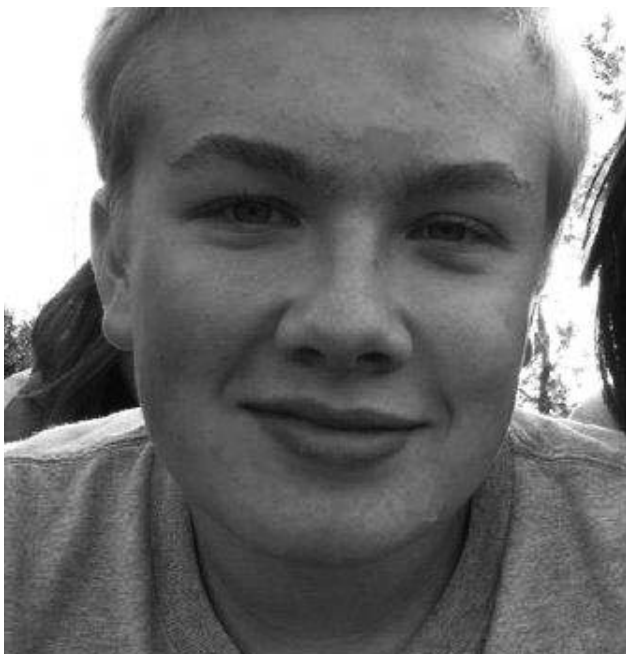
Biggest goal of the season?
Getting my 100th goal in lacrosse. And I succeeded! :)

Pre game rituals?
I pray before my games

Gatorade or Powerade?
Gatorade :)



Athlete of the Month
(cont.)



John Kerrigan is a senior on boys’ lacrosse. John was also an important part of the boys’ varsity basket ball team this winter. John has only played lacrosse since freshman year. John is the Athlete of the Month for June.

Sports hero?
Muhammad Ali

Favorite Sports memory?
Winning the Cal Ripken state championship when i was 11 (little league base- ball.)



Least favorite sports memory?
Losing to Bow two years in a row in lacrosse,

Biggest goal of the season?
I want to win a championship in lacrosse

Pre game rituals?
I’m not superstitious but before every game I like to do the exact same thing whether it’s for basketball or lacrosse

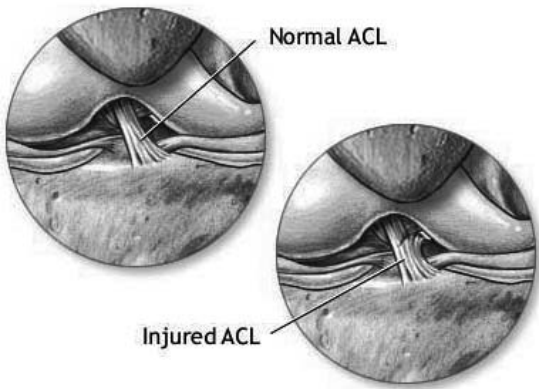
Gatorade or Powerade?
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Sports Injuries: Far
Too Common?



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Sports Writer



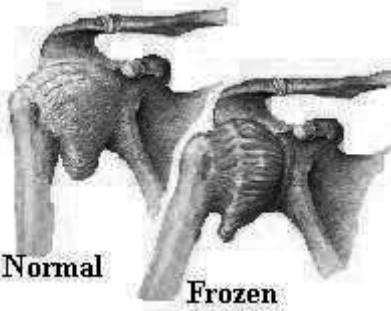
It’s your first home game for lacrosse. You and your teammates have been training and preparing for this day extensively, and as you walk onto the field, you get a rush of adrenaline. The game starts and is going well; you get the ball and start to run towards the net. You fake someone out, and turn suddenly. Out of nowhere, you feel a pop in your knee and fall to the ground. You tore your ACL, and you’re now out for the



season. Although this is an unfortunate scenario, it is becoming a reality for more and more athletes. Sports injuries are drastically on the rise, and why? Dr James Gamble explains that if “athletes are participating in too many activities, there may be a breakdown in their bones, ligaments and tendons, creating overuse injuries”. ACL injuries are among the most common, and they occur when an athlete stops quickly, and turns at the same time. It can also occur after landing from a jump, or over extending the knee.

Sometimes injuries can occur from simply being reckless; Daniel Olken knows this well: “It was my first day out on the slopes that year, and I went off a tiny kicker in the park. I must have leaned back a little too far because the next thing I knew I was on the ground, and I had broken my femur.” Even skiers are getting more pressure to “go bigger” and ski harder these days, making injuries much more common. “It took me about 4 months to be able to walk again without crutches.”

The most common injuries these days come from overuse, or sudden dramatic changes in direction or speed. Some of these include ACL tears, muscle pulls, “frozen shoulder”, shin splints, and stress fractures.

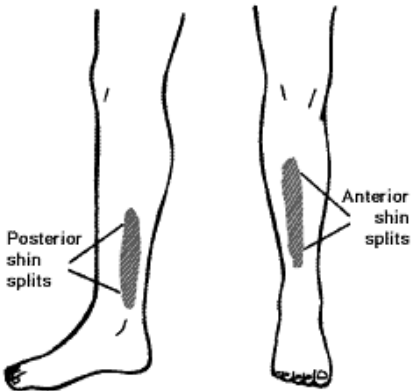


Frozen shoulder:

If the rotator cuff and the muscles that are around it become over stretched and irritated, they start to swell, and the shoulders range of motion is severely decreased, and it becomes painful to move. Prevalent in sports like swimming, weight lifting and tennis.

Shin splints:

Though doctors haven’t exactly figured out what shin splints are in medical terms, it is a dull to sharp pain in the front part of your shins, brought on by excessive running or jumping. Most common in things like track and field, and cross country.



Stress fractures:

Stress fractures occur when the muscles become so fatigued that they can no longer absorb the shock from exercise, and try to transfer the shock waves they absorb to the bone, which causes tiny cracks. If left untreated the cracks can become full blown fractures. These can occur in any sport.



Graham Phelps

Graham broke his tibia during a soccer game last year: “It was in the beginning of November in double overtime of the state semi-finals. I was going in for a 50-50 ball and the defender caught my leg in the right spot and it snapped. It took me 4 months to get back to playing sports, but more like 5 months to get back to normal. It might have been preventable if I had not been so exhausted, I had played more than 100 minutes of soccer before it happened. The only repercussions I have now is a cool bump on my tibia bone that gives girls an excuse to rub my leg.”



Caitlin Olson
Sports Writer

Spring Sports 2010



Girls' Lacrosse

Even though the team graduated five excellent players last year they still hold a good record. “We are having a good season so far,” says Senior Captain Emma Smith. “We have won three of our four games and we’re feeling confident about getting to finals this year.” Emily Rodgers acquired her hundredth goal on May 3rd against Merrimack Valley which was success for Rodgers.
Record: 10-4
Rivals: Hollis and Kearsarge

“Beating Kearsarge this year because we lost to them last year in the semi finals. It was awesome, and we won them by a fair amount too!” - Senior Captain Bekah Schuman

Boys' Lacrosse

The boys this year are doing well with an excellent offense which has been a struggle for the past few years. “We’ve been working the offense well which has been an improvement from last year,” Says Senior Captain Donovan Kelley. With a strong defense and an improved offense they may see finals this year.
Record: 10-3
Rivals: Bow and Dover

“My junior year we were playing bedford who was an opponent who was pretty evenly matched with us. it was towards the end of the season where every win was crucial. we took the lead with about two minutes left in the 90 degree heat (felt like 110 on turf) and then lost the lead with a minute 30 left in the game. i won the faceoff and we set up the offense and i hit donovan with the best pass ive ever thrown and he made a diesel shot to put us up 8-7. we held them off and won 8-7, probably our best win of last year.” - Senior Captain Ryan Randall



Track

Boys and girls track, although always together, really seem to be more of a single unit during outdoor. They train together and go to all the meets together, which adds an interesting element to the team itself. The 2010 outdoor track team is based mostly off of young talent. There are only a few remaining veterans of the 07 team, from when the seniors were freshman. Senior distance captain Matt Webber agrees: “It’s hard to keep people involved and interested for four year, but we have such promising underclassmen athletes that I could see this team being very successful in the future.” Thought it’s hard to say whether the team will have a shot at states this year, there future looks bright.
Rivals: Milford, Coe Brown, Con Val
Young athletes to watch: Alex Johnson, Liam Grenier, Marina Slavin, Addison Jones



Tennis

The tennis team has really become a bigger team in recent years. Once thought to be a much smaller affair, the tennis team now has their athletes regularly competing for the top 7 spots. “The team has actually done a lot better than I had expected since we lost some key players in the last few years. I think we’re decent but schools like Portsmouth and St. Thomas have some really great players and a strong team overall this year.” Said senior Captain Sara Usher. “We may not be the best team in the league but we get along great and have tons of fun.”
Girtls’ Record: 8-6
Boys’ Record: 13-1
Rivals: Portsmouth, St. Thomas



“During my junior year of tryouts I ran to get a ball on the court but I crashed into a cart with all the balls on it and knocked it over, it was embarrassing but I made the team!” - Senior Mackenzie Leander



Softball

Softball had a rough year with no wins, although they didn’t win a state championship there were some bright spots for the future. “I was really impressed with the freshman,” said Senior Agnes Fotino. Co-captains Katie Sylvia and Brandy Lapierre will likely be back on the team next year.
Record: 0-16

Boys' Baseball

The team started off slow this year by losing a few close games due to the team missing key starters. They picked up their game though to win the last three games of the season. “We also had three walk off victories,” says senior Timmy Short. “That definitely energized us a bit and gave us some new life.” The team faces Portsmouth in the first round of the playoffs on Thursday, June 3rd. Portsmouth is unbeaten in their last 59 games and looks to win their third consecutive championship. Baseball- Record: 7-9